

Board Reports

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

“Rivers and Mountains Conservancy” (RMC)

will be held on

Friday, July 14, 2006

at

10:00 a.m.

at the following location:

Progress Park Plaza Auditorium

15500 Downey Avenue

Paramount, CA 90723

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment
Public comment on joint meeting items for the RMC will be taken at this time. Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed two minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed three minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.
3. Presentation to Paul Yost
4. Presentation to Frank Colonna
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Chair's Report
7. Deputy Attorney General's Report
8. Executive Officer's Reports
 - A. Legislation and Initiatives
 - B. Budget Expenditure & Status Report
 - C. Project and Liaison Activities
 - D. Review and discussion of approved grant projects.
9. Regular Calendar
 - A. Consideration of resolution supporting The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006.
 - B. Consideration of resolution recommending an amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority procedural and operational policies.
 - C. Consideration of resolution recommending adoption of the FY 2006/07 Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget
 - D. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract for Property Management Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.
 - E. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract for Relocation Services for the Azusa River Wilderness park project (RMC3596).
 - F. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority authorize a new contract for Ranger Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.
 - G. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant amendment for the Gordon Mull Property Acquisition project, City of Glendora (RMC3223).
10. Board Member Comments
11. Announcement of next meeting date

12. Adjournment upon completion of business

The RMC may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126(c)(7)(A), Section 11126(e) and Section 11126.3(a) of the Government Code.

For additional information concerning the meeting, please contact the Executive Officer, Belinda Faustinos at (626) 458-4315 or visit the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy web page at www.rmc.ca.gov

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Directions: From the 710 Freeway, take Alondra Boulevard going east. At Downey Avenue, make a left (northbound). Progress Park is on the right, (east) side of Downey Road.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
City of Rosemead
May 22, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 2:31 pm – Rosemead Community Center, Garvey Room, 9108 Garvey Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Dan Arrighi, Mr. Bryan Cash (for Secretary Chrisman), Vice Chair Margaret Clark, Chair Frank Colonna, Mr. Denis Bertone, Ms. Debbie Smith (for Mr. Lloyd), Ms. Marilyn Poe, Ms. Jody Noiron (for Mr. Blackwell), Mr. Larry McKenney (for Mr. Speegle), Mr. Diego Cadena (for Mr. Wolfe), and Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Stetson).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. David De Jesus, Mr. Genest, Supervisor Gloria Molina, Mr. Edward Wilson, Mr. Dave Means (for Mr. Wright), Mr. Ron Schafer (for Ms. Coleman), and Mr. Daniel Sulzer (for Colonel Dornstauder).

STAFF PRESENT: Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Llanet Martin, Congresswoman Solis' Office, invited the Board to attend the 2006 San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Forum on June 1, 2006, and she provided fliers for members of the Board and public.

3. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Mr. Arrighi motioned to approve the March 20, 2006 minutes; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

5. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Legislation and Initiatives

The report was self-explanatory; however the Executive Officer noted that there are four Governor's infrastructure bonds that are on the ballot for November that have been passed by the legislature. Only one measure has an element that may possibly be used for urban park purposes. It was also noted that all of the signatures for the Water Bond initiative measure have been submitted to the State and it will be another month before the initiative is certified for the November ballot. It was proposed that the Board consider supporting the initiative measure as there will be \$51 million for the RMC and \$1 billion set aside for the Integrated Water Management Program. The matter will be included in the agenda for next Board meeting.

B. Budget Expenditure & Status Report

The fiscal, the support operations budget and expenditures, and the capital outlay funding reports were noted for the record. The Executive Officer reported that \$8 million is available for projects that have been authorized for set aside funding.

C. Project and Liaison Activities

The Executive Officer reviewed the report. A video of the WCA and Duck Farm Community Workshop was presented. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss planning possibilities for the Duck Farm property. The event was successful thanks to the consultants at EDAW and the partners from Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, and Southern California Edison.

D. Review and status discussion of approved grant projects.

The Executive Officer explained that the report was revised and includes photographs of projects as requested by the Board. It was noted that only "before" photographs were included in the report. It was also noted that, eventually, "before" and "after" photos of completed projects would be inserted and that they would also be made available on the RMC website.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TRAIL, BIKE ACCESS, SIGNAGE & LOW IMPACT RECREATIONAL ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS GRANT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RMC3248).

The item was tabled.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDIRECTION OF THE HABITAT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANT (RMC3233) FROM THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE HABITAT ENDOWMENT FUND TO THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL NATIVE HABITAT AUTHORITY (RMC3602).

There was no discussion on the item.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK GRANT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RMC3260).

Mr. Bertone inquired as to whether or not the City of Azusa owns the other 7 parcels relating to the El Encanto property. The Executive Officer explained that the only parcel that the city currently owns is parcel #7, as shown on the map that was displayed, known as the Taylor parcel and that the other parcels were owned by private entities.

D. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF AZUSA REGARDING THE TAYLOR PROPERTY.

There was no discussion on the item.

E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER INTO A RESIDENTIAL LEASE WITH THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (MRCA) AND THE MRCA RANGER FOR THE EL ENCANTO PROPERTY.

There was no discussion on the item.

F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NATIVE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP GRANT TO THE RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDENS (RMC3585).

There was no discussion on the item.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolutions for items B, D, E, and F; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution for item C; Vice Chair Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

8. RMC REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Watershed Conservation Authority for Azusa River Wilderness Park Planning and Implementation project (RMC3596).

The Executive Officer informed the Board that the reason for the request to reduce the existing RMC grant for the project was to show a successful completion of that phase of the project and to reauthorize those funds into a new grant for planning purposes and tenant relocation costs.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (MRCA) FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES RELATED TO RMC CAPITAL PROJECTS (RMC3600/3601).

The Executive Officer explained that the grant allows the RMC to employ the additional staff that are necessary to implement the RMC's capital outlay projects for Proposition 40 and 50. She also explained that other entities have been considered to provide the service; however, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is able to offer CalPERS and other benefits that are standard to government employees. She further explained why it is necessary for the RMC to employ staff through the MRCA, in terms of; RMC limitations in budget, legislation, and staffing allocations.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Poe seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF LA PUENTE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF THE PUENTE CREEK NATURE EDUCATION CENTER (RMC 3594).

Roseanne Adonto, Community Services Director for the City of La Puente, was introduced by the Executive Officer and she gave an in-depth visual presentation with focus on the projects description, and goals and objectives. There was a brief discussion amongst the Board, Executive Officer and Ms. Adonto regarding the projects sustainable features, interpretive elements, and additional funding.

Vice Chair moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Poe seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL FOR THE VINCENT LUGO PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RMC3598).

Michael Paules, City Manager for the City of San Gabriel, was introduced by the Executive Officer and he briefly addressed the Board and emphasized how the former Mayor of the City of San Gabriel, Chi Mui, was a very enthusiastic advocate for this project and that he worked very closely with the RMC to design an urban watershed park. He thanked the RMC, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, and the State Department of Parks and Recreation for their support.

Mr. Paules introduced Rebecca Perez, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of San Gabriel, and she also addressed the Board and shared highlights of the project.

Vice Chair Clark moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED COUNCIL FOR

COMPTON CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PURPOSES (RMC3599).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary of the project.

Mr. Cadena wished to abstain; however, Mr. Fujimoto explained that there was no conflict of interest and that he could vote on the item.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Cadena seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Fujimoto noted a typing error in the resolution.

F. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE RIO DULCE (UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER) ACQUISITION (RMC3597).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary of the project noting that the Upper Santa Clara River is the only unchannelized river in Southern California.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

G. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MASTER PARK PLAN AND NATURE SANCTUARY (RMC 3595).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary of the project noting that the funding would be for implementation of Phase One. She introduced Thaddeus McCormick, City of Santa Fe Springs, and he gave a brief presentation which included the history, description, and update of the project.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

H. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SOUTH GATE RIPARIAN GRANT TO NORTHEAST TREES (RMC3237).

The Executive Officer explained how staff has realized that additional analysis and investigation are required regarding the potential for restoration of the area south of Imperial Hwy. because the previous assumptions regarding the watershed drainage area, and the riparian and water quality enhancements that would be completed on the lower portion of the property may not be as significant as they are north of Imperial Hwy. In addition, she noted that there may be opportunities for enhancements north of Imperial Hwy. that may be a greater water quality benefit. It was also noted that after discussions with the City of South Gate, North East Trees, and other entities that are involved, it was decided to expand the scope of work to include a better analysis of what the possible opportunities and constraints might be, and to also expand the scope of work to look at the parcel that is north of Imperial Hwy.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Cash seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

- I. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COYOTE AND CARBON CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT TO COUNTY OF ORANGE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (RMC3213).**

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary of the project noting that the Army Corps of Engineers has not been able to allocate the level of funding that they had anticipated and is requesting that the RMC provide additional funding.

Ms. Poe moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

- J. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WRIGLEY HEIGHTS GRANT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH (RMC3203).**

The Executive Officer gave a brief presentation which included an update of the project and a visual description of the area. It was noted that the funding would be used only for the acquisition of the property.

Ms. Poe moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bertone requested that a new list of Board members be distributed to Board members.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be held on June 26, 2006. The location is to be determined at a later date.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20pm.

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8A: Executive Officer's Report- Legislation and Initiatives

New information has been marked with boldface type. For full text and history of bills and initiatives, please visit these web sites:

Federal Bills	http://thomas.loc.gov
State Bills	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov
Initiative Measures	http://www.caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/activeindex.htm

Current as of 06/19/2006

Supreme Court Ruling

The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 Monday that regulators may have misinterpreted the federal Clean Water Act when they refused to allow two Michigan property owners to build a shopping mall and condos on wetlands they own. At the same time, justices could not reach a consensus on whether government can extend protections for wetlands miles away from navigable waters. Instead of ruling in the property owners' favor, as they requested, justices said lower courts must reconsider whether ditches and drains near wetlands are waterways.

Executive Orders

President Bush announced an executive order that would allow Governors 18 months to submit petitions to either stop or allow road building and other construction on land where it will now be permitted. Congresswoman Hilda Solis (El Monte) issued a strongly worded statement opposing this reversal of the Clinton policy. In response, Governor Schwarzenegger announced an agreement with the US Forest Service to protect 4.4 million California acres left vulnerable to construction under the new administration rules.

Federal Legislation

1. H.R. 280 Miller: Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields. Grants may be made by the Secretary of HUD, with procedures to be established. Grant funds are to be appropriated. Pilot program shall be developed. Amendment would de-link Section 108 loan program, as criteria to access these funds. Latest Major Action: 12/13/2005 Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. 12/14/2005 Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
2. H.R. 355 Schiff (S153 Feinstein): Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act -- A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special

resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes. Latest Major Action: 2/10/2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.

3. H.R. 427 Udall: Environmental Justice Act of 2005, would require Federal agencies to develop and implement policies and practices that promote environmental justice. Expected outcome is for Federal agencies to develop strategies that identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects or disproportionately low benefits of its programs, politics and activities with respect to minority, low income and Native American populations. Calls for creating an Interagency Working Group comprised of the heads of executive agencies, offices and departments, and an 25-member citizen advisory committee both appointed by the President. Latest Major Action: 2/25/2005 Referred to House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
4. S153 Feinstein: Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the Corridor, and for other purposes. Last Major Action: 7/26/2005 Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 8/1/2005 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.

State Legislation

1. ACA 13 Harman, Jones, and Mullin: Proposal intended to provide exemptions for direct assessments that relate to sewer, water, and refuse collection services upon the approval by a majority vote of the property owners. This measure would exclude from these voter approval requirements, a fee or charge related to flood control, storm water drainage, or surface water drainage. This bill, in its current form, would not include costs associated with maintenance, of flood control district owned property used for a multiple use (such as bikeways or passive parks and flood control). Last Major Action: 05/04/2005 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
2. AB 17 Koretz: This bill would add to the Public Resource Code, regarding solid waste. The bill states what types of public areas must have litter receptacles, and the proper use of those receptacles. Last Major Action: **06/15/2006 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Committee on Environmental Quality.**
3. AB 134 Nunez: This bill would enact A Plan for California's Future: The Traffic Safety and Congestion, Flood Protection, Clean Water, Schools, and Parks Act to authorize \$39,591,000,000 of state general obligation bonds. The bond act would allocate \$10,400,000,000 for the purposes of financing specified safe drinking water, water quality, flood control, and natural resource protection programs. Last Major Action: 03/11/2006 Read third time. Urgency clause refused adoption.
4. AB 371 Goldberg: Known as the Water Recycling Act of 2005, this bill would amend various sections of the state's Health and Safety Code, and the Water Code relating to water. This bill would exclude defining recycled water as waste and require that the state

water board provide incentives for recycling water. This bill would make the reclamation requirements applicable to recycled water. The bill would further allow and authorize the regional water board to allow recycled water to be used by fire agencies to prevent the destruction of life, property or the environment in a catastrophic fire. Last Major Action: 5/15/06, moved to inactive file.

5. AB 715 Levine: This bill would require the Governor, prior to making a decision regarding any state action to be taken with respect to inventoried roadless areas in the state, and in response to a proposed change in specified federal laws governing those inventoried roadless areas, to consult with the members and staff of the appropriate legislative committees, and to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report containing information on any proposed state action affecting the management of those inventoried roadless areas. Last Major Action: 02/27/2006 To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Frommer.
6. AB 1200 Laird: This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to evaluate the potential impacts on water supplies derived from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta resulting from subsidence, earthquakes, floods, and climate change, changes in precipitation, temperature, and ocean levels, and a combination of those impacts. The bill would require the department and the Department of Fish and Game to identify, evaluate and comparatively rate the principal options available to implement certain objectives that relate to the delta or the Sacramento and San Joaquin river systems. The bill would require the departments to jointly report to the Legislature and the Governor the results of their evaluations and comparative ratings, as specified, no later than January 1, 2008. Last Major Action: 10/6/2005 Approved by the Governor, Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 573, Statutes of 2005.
7. AB 1201 Laird: This bill would revise the description of the Sierra Nevada Region for purposes of the conservancy. This bill would specify that the conservancy may not acquire a fee interest in real property by purchase. The bill would also authorize the conservancy to receive bequests and devises. Last Major Action: 9/6/2005 Approved by the Governor, Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 227, Statutes of 2005.
8. AB 1783 Nunez: This bill would state the intent of the Legislature, in enacting the California Infrastructure, Improvement, Smart Growth, Economic Reinvestment, and Emergency Preparedness Financing Act of 2006, to provide for the financing of state and local government infrastructure through various funding sources, including bonds, fees, assessments, and other sources. The financing would be used to fund purposes such as transportation, flood control, safe water systems, environmental improvement, housing, hospital seismic safety repair, and emergency public safety communications equipment, among others. Last Major Action: 1/4/06: Read first time. To print. 1/5/06: From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.
9. AB 2134 Harman: Natural resources: funding: coastal wetlands maintenance. An act to amend and repeal Section 6217 of, and to add Section 6217.9 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources, making an appropriation therefore, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately. Last Major Action: 3/23/06 Re-referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
10. AB 2188 Blakeslee: Natural resources: conservation easements. Existing law authorizes, under various provisions of law, certain state agencies or entities to acquire

conservation easements from property owners. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to facilitate the use of federal and private funds for the acquisition of conservation easements for the purposes of preserving working landscapes and protecting habitat resources. Last Major Action: 02/23/2006 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.

11. AB 2314 Leno: Forestry: California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2000. The California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2000 establishes the California Forest Legacy Program to conserve private forest lands and that act remains in effect until January 1, 2007. This bill would extend the repeal date of the California Forest Legacy Program Act of 2000 to January 1, 2010. Last Major Action: **06/01/2006 In Senate. Read first time. Referred to Committee on Rules. 06/15/2006 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Water.**
12. AB 2479 Cogdill: This bill would make various findings and declarations regarding the impact of noxious and invasive weeds on California. This bill would increase the percentage of Noxious Weed Management Account funds that shall be made available to the department to 10%. This bill would also appropriate \$2,500,000 annually from the General Fund to be deposited into the Noxious Weed Management Account. Last Major Action: **06/01/2006 In Senate. Read first time. Referred to Committee on Rules. 06/15/2006 Referred to Committee on Agriculture.**
13. AB 2577 Wolk: Property tax revenue allocations: county equity amount. This bill would, for the 2006-07 fiscal year, require the auditor of a qualified county, as defined, to increase the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue allocated to that county by the county equity amount, as defined, and to commensurately reduce the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue allocated to that county's Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund. This bill would also require that ad valorem property tax revenue allocations made in subsequent fiscal years fully incorporate the allocation adjustments required by the bill. By imposing new duties on local officials in the annual allocation of ad valorem property tax revenues, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. Last Major Action: 4/6/2006 Amend, and re-refer to Committee on Local Government. Read second time and amended. **5/25/2006 In Appropriations Committee: In committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.**
14. AB 2699 Emerson: ~~Habitat mitigation. Natural resources: mitigation. Existing law permits the Department of Fish and Game to enter into contracts for fish and wildlife preservation, restoration, and enhancement with public and private entities whenever the department finds that the contracts will assist in meeting the department's duty to preserve, protect, and restore fish and wildlife. Existing law generally permits the department to grant funds for fish and wildlife habitat preservation, restoration, and enhancement, as prescribed. Existing law authorizes, under various provisions of law, certain state agencies or other entities to acquire fee title in land or easements from property owners to mitigate any adverse impact resulting from the development of land. This bill would enact the Habitat Mitigation Act of 2006, which would require an entity that agrees to accept responsibility for the preservation and maintenance of any land set aside~~

~~for mitigation purposes by the department or any other state or local entity to create a management plan and conduct biological studies, as specified. The bill would also require the department to conduct annual audits to ensure that all endowment moneys, as defined, are used for habitat management and preservation. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure the proper management of those acquired lands and of endowment fund moneys for financing the maintenance of those lands.~~ Last Major Action: 05/26/2006 Read second time and amended. From Appropriations Committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 18. Noes 0.) Ordered to third reading. 05/31/2006 To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Emmerson.

15. AB 2838 Pavley: This bill would establish the Coastal Environment Motor Vehicle Mitigation Program, which, until January 1, 2020, would authorize the conservancy to request that the Department of Motor Vehicles collect a fee of up to \$6, upon the registration or renewal of registration of every motor vehicle registered in an eligible county that elect to participate in the program, as provided. The bill would create the Coastal Environment Motor Vehicle Mitigation Account in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund of 1984, for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds derived from those fees collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Last Major Action: 5/26 From committee: Do pass. May 31 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 42. Noes 36.) 6/1 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on Rules. for assignment. 6/15 Referred to Committees. on Natural Resources & Water and Transportation & Housing.
16. SB 153 Chesbro: California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006. This bill would propose to enact the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$3,945,000,000. \$40,000,000 would go to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Last Major Action: 9/2/2005 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee.
17. SB 764 Lowenthal: Air resources: South Coast Air Quality Management District: ports. (1) Existing law provides for the regulation of ports and harbors. Existing law, the Lewis-Presley Air Quality Management Act, establishes the South Coast Air Quality Management District (south coast district) as the sole and exclusive local agency within those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino that are included within the South Coast Air Basin. This bill would require the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to develop a baseline for air quality for their respective ports, in consultation with specified agencies, thereby creating a state-mandated local program. This bill would require the air quality baseline to be based on the level of emissions from specified sources, during 2001. Last Major Action: 06/12/2006 Hearing postponed by committee.
18. SB 1125 Chesbro: Existing law requires the Controller to annually transfer specified amounts from the Resources Trust Fund to the Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Account, the Marine Life and Marine Reserve Management Account, the State Parks System Deferred Maintenance Account, and the Natural Resources Infrastructure Fund, in order of priority, for specified uses upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill,

instead of requiring the Controller to annually transfer the amounts specified in existing law from the Resources Trust Fund to those accounts and that fund, would require the Controller to annually transfer from the Resources Trust Fund, \$10,000,000 to the Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Account, \$5,000,000, for 10 years, to the Coastal Wetlands Account, which the bill would create in the Resources Trust Fund, \$10,000,000 to the Marine Life and Marine Reserve Management Account, \$10,000,000 to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Program Account, which the bill would create in the Resources Trust Fund, \$10,000,000 to the State Parks System Deferred Maintenance Account, \$5,000,000 to the Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Conservation Account, which the bill would create in the Resources Trust Fund, and the remainder to the Natural Resources Infrastructure Fund, in order of priority, for specified uses, upon appropriation by the Legislature. Last Major Action: **05/25 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 8. Noes 5.) 05/30 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 24. Noes 12.) To Assembly. 06/12 To Committees on Natural Resources and Water, Parks, & Wildlife.**

19. SB 1673 Kuehl: State parks: funding. This bill would authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund ongoing maintenance and operation of the state park system with public funds or by obtaining funds through philanthropic support and private-public partnerships to the state park system. ***The bill would require the department annually to report to the Legislature on the use of each incidence of philanthropic support and each private-public partnership, as specified.*** Last Major Action: **05/26 Amended. 05/31 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) 06/01 In Assembly. 06/15 To Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife.**
20. SB 1795 Machado: Groundwater recharge. Under existing law, the right to water or to the use of water is limited to that amount of water that may be reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served. Existing law declares that the storing of water underground, and related diversions for that purpose, constitute a beneficial use of water if the stored water is thereafter applied to the beneficial purposes for which the appropriation for storage was made. This bill would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin, by a local agency for the purpose of repelling saline intrusion and recovering basin groundwater levels constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with management objectives set forth in a local agency's groundwater management plan. Last Major Action: **06/15/2006 From committee: Amend, do pass as amended, and re-refer to Committee on Appropriations.**

DATE: July 14, 2006
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8B: Executive Officer's Report- Budget Expenditure & Status Report

BACKGROUND: Please refer to the attached reports on expenditures and encumbrances for Operations and Support and Capital Outlay Programs. There are no significant issues to report.

Fiscal Year 2005/06 Support Expenditures Report: The "Fiscal Year 2005/06 Support Expenditures" report assists the RMC in tracking allocated income and expenditures for the fiscal year. The appropriated operating budget for the RMC is \$ 518,000. The revenue section of the report delineates the three fund sources for operations, the Environmental License Plate Fund, Proposition 40 and Proposition 50.

The expense section displays and tracks the administrative and operation expenses for the RMC. This section is separated into two (2) sections: Personnel Services and Operating Expenses/Equipment. The information is further detailed to allow the RMC to track monthly and cumulative expenditures, and the balances.

Proposition 40 and 50 Reports: These reports are generated to provide a status of Proposition Capital Outlay funding. The reports provide a comparison of the total allocated funds of previous board actions against Proposition Capital Outlay funding allocations. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated funding level, please see Item 8D.

**FISCAL YEAR 2005/06 SUPPORT EXPENDITURES REPORT
AS OF MAY 31, 2006**

INCOME	Budget	Funds	Remaining Funds
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	\$ 286,000.00	01400	\$113,778.76
PROPOSITION 40	\$ 132,000.00	60290	\$22,928.72
PROPOSITION 50	\$ 100,000.00	60310	\$28,248.98
INCOME TOTAL	\$ 518,000.00		\$164,956.46
EXPENSES	Budget	Expenditures to Date	Balance
<i>PERSONNEL SERVICES</i>			
State Employees	\$ 268,800.00	\$203,667.56	\$ 65,132.44
RMC Board	\$ 2,000.00	\$750.00	\$ 1,250.00
	\$ 270,800.00	\$204,417.56	\$66,382.44
<i>OPERATING EXPENSE & EQUIPMENT</i>			
General Expense	\$ 60,438.50	\$ 22,464.49	\$37,974.01
Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$20,700.00	\$ 15,917.61	\$4,782.39
Library Purch Subscrip	\$ 840.00	\$ 540.36	\$299.64
Noc-Goods-Gen Exp (PIA)	\$ 556.32	\$ 556.32	\$0.00
Office Copier Exp	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,751.35	\$148.65
Office Copier Supp	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,493.85	\$506.15
Mtg/Conf/Exh/Sho	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 2,205.00	\$0.00
Not Otherwise Classified	\$ 32,237.18	\$ 0.00	\$32,237.18
Communications	\$ 44,174.52	\$ 34,879.23	\$9,295.29
Telephone	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 3,718.62	\$156.38
NOC Communications	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,016.72	\$83.28
Postage Meter Expenses	\$ 4,061.32	\$ 4,057.39	\$3.93
Travel In-State	\$ 3,538.20	\$ 2,554.50	\$983.70
Pro Rata	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 23,532.00	\$8,068.00
Facilities Operation	\$ 20,171.98	\$ 18,278.68	\$ 1,893.30
Rent-Bldg/Grnd	\$ 19,197.98	\$ 17,600.85	\$ 1,597.13
Facility Plng-DGS (Real Estate)	\$ 974.00	\$ 677.83	\$ 296.17
Consultants Professional Service Internal	\$ 46,449.00	\$ 24,446.15	\$ 22,002.85
Accounting - Interdept (CFS)	\$ 35,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Other Interdept (Transit-Storage - Purchasing)	\$ 6,300.00	\$5,606.59	\$ 693.41
Other External Svs	\$ 600.00	\$409.08	\$ 190.92
Other Department Services	\$ 400.00	\$350.00	\$ 50.00
Consolidated Data (HHSDC)	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.00
Admin- Interdept (HHDC)	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 3,000.00
Admin Ext Services (WCA Administrative)	\$ 3,631.00	\$3,631.00	\$ 0.00
Reimb Exp-Non-Taxab	\$ 600.00	\$567.10	\$ 32.90
Reimb Exp-Taxable	\$ 50.00	\$44.00	\$ 6.00
CalStar Cost	\$ 1,099.00	\$580.48	\$ 518.52
Consultants Professional Service Internal	\$ 75,966.00	\$ 8,035.00	\$ 67,931.00
MRCA	\$ 62,932.00	\$0.00	\$ 62,932.00
Community Conservancy International	\$ 4,995.00	\$4,995.00	\$ 0.00
Feldman & Associates	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$ 0.00
EIP Associates	\$ 1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$ 0.00
University of Southern California	\$ 4,999.00	\$0.00	\$ 4,999.00
	\$ 247,200.00	\$108,103.55	\$139,096.45
EXPENSE TOTALS	\$ 518,000.00	\$312,521.11	\$205,478.89

**PROPOSITION 40 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY
AS OF MAY 31, 2006**

Funding Allocation	
FY 02/03	\$18,000,000.00
FY 03/04	\$12,400,000.00
FY 04/05	\$ 6,200,000.00
TOTAL	\$36,600,000.00
Approved Projects	\$34,649,901.00
Unallocated Funds	\$1,950,099.00

**PROPOSITION 50 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY
AS OF MAY 31, 2006**

Funding Allocation	
FY 03/04	\$4,500,000.00
FY 04/05	\$6,200,000.00
FY 05/06	\$ 4,500,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,200,000.00
Approved Projects	\$13,625,043.00
Unallocated Funds	\$1,574,957.00

**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY
AS OF MAY 31, 2006**

Funding Allocation	\$51,800,000.00
Total Approved Projects	\$48,198,944.00
Unallocated Funds	\$3,601,056.00

DATE: June 19, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8C: Executive Officer's Report- Project and Liaison Activities

Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council): The Watershed Council held a very successful 10th Anniversary Celebration on June 15, 2006 at Metropolitan Water District headquarters. A new slate of officers has been elected and Dan Grisct is the new President elect of the Watershed Council. The stakeholder meetings will now take place on a quarterly basis and the next meeting is scheduled for September, 2006.

San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority (SGRDCA): On June 7, 2006 the SGRDCA approved the conceptual design for the Discovery Center and reviewed the draft construction budget. The County of Los Angeles is spearheading the environmental review for the project over the next 18 months. Fundraising efforts will be a major focus in order to insure that construction funds are available soon after completion of the CEQA and NEPA process.

Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan: The application for Step 2 Implementation Projects is near completion including a draft IRWM Plan. Meetings throughout the region at the steering committee, stakeholder and regional level have been very successful and the consultant team has already produced several key documents in addition to the draft plan. Additional information on this effort is available at: www.lawaterplan.org.

ASCE Watershed Infrastructure Workgroup: No new activity to report on this item.

National Park Service (NPS) San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study (Study): No further activity has been recorded this period but information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel>.

Upper Santa Clara River: Staff continues to work with partners on conservation strategies. A meeting of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed working group is planned for July 11, 2006.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA): On May 25, 2005 the LCWA authorized acquisition of approximately 68 acres owned by the Bryants in the Los Cerritos Wetlands area. This property straddles the San Gabriel River in Long Beach and has significant restoration potential. The surface rights to the property will be acquired from the Trust for Public Land at no cost to the LCWA. Signal Hill Petroleum will purchase the mineral rights to the property and continue to extract oil under an easement agreement with the LCWA.

Duck Farm Project: Development of an overall site plan for the project is well underway. The first round of stakeholder meetings culminated in a community workshop on April 8, 2006. Comments from this round have been incorporated and are now represented in three separate alternatives for a final plan. These alternatives will be presented to stakeholders in the coming weeks and a community workshop to receive public comment is scheduled for July 15th at San Angelo Park, adjacent to the Duck Farm site. The comments received at this meeting will guide the development of a draft final plan due in September 2006.

El Encanto Project: The property has been cleaned up and brushed with the assistance of the MRCA Rangers and the LA County Fire Camp Crews. They also helped with the removal of the fixtures inside the restaurant building. The plan check is completed by the City of Azusa for the refurbishment and the architect is working on the construction drawings to be put to the City for review. Milton Cano, MRCA Ranger, is now living on site. The planning process is just beginning with the first meeting with the City of Azusa's Mayor and Assistant City Manager, the calendar for meetings with the other agencies and stakeholder groups is being developed and the assessment of the site will begin this quarter. There are many visitors to the site on a daily basis, those that come to sit by the river as well as those who take a walk or go fishing.

DATE: July 14, 2006
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8D: Review and Status Discussion of Approved Grant Projects

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update as to the status of each approved project under Proposition 40 and Proposition 50. The information contained in the reports is project name, applicant name, allocated amount, and the project status. The report is also sorted in alphabetical order by project name. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

ACTIVE RMC PROJECTS

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Acreage to be Acquired	Funding
RMC3264	Amigos de los Rios	Alhambra Wash Naturalization	Preparation of an initial feasibility assessment for naturalization of Alhambra Wash. The study will analyze historic conditions and current flows to evaluate the feasibility of recreation and habitat improvements along the segment of the wash between Walnut Grove and the Rio Hondo.	Comments on the draft report have been submitted.		\$40,750
RMC3576	City of Anaheim	Anaheim Coves/ Burris Pit Park Development	The Burris Pit/Anaheim Coves project is the development of a trail with landscaping and interpretive elements around a recharging pond in the City of Anaheim. It is a collaborative project between the City and the Water District. The City of Anaheim and the Orange County Water District (OCWD) have entered into a partnership, allowing the City to develop recreational uses at the site of one of the District's ground water recharge basins, known as the Burris Pit. The first phase of work will largely consist of refurbishment of existing landscaping with native vegetation and irrigation, parking for 12 cars, asphaltting and fencing the road, fencing to separate public use areas from the water, picnic tables, benches, barbeques, interpretation signage and entry improvements.	The City has completed the lease agreement with the water district. A design team has been selected and the environmental work is ahead of schedule.		\$841,610
RMC3268	Amigos de los Rios	Arcadia Wash Restoration Feasibility Study	Assessment of feasibility for removing approximately 2,400 linear feet of concrete lining in the Arcadia Wash, including hydrologic assessment, geomorphologic study, assessment of golf course impacts, and hydraulic design.	Grantee revisions include adding information on the Racetrack portion of the project based on the latest proposal of Caruso for the Santa Anita Shops. These edits and additional information will be submitted to stakeholders for comments. Once comments have been received from stakeholders the final draft will be submitted to RMC in June.		\$152,523
RMC3260	Watershed Conservation Authority	Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition	The Azusa River Wilderness Park is a project to create a passive park on the north end of the City of Azusa at the beginning of San Gabriel Canyon. The envisioned park is 89 acres in size with acreage on both sides of the San Gabriel River. There are opportunities to work with a variety of agencies and to connect to several trails that travel into the Angeles Forest as well as the San Gabriel River Bike Path that travels the length of the river and whose terminus is in Seal Beach.	The Taylor parcel has been purchased by the City of Azusa and the El Encanto site has been acquired by the WCA. Ranger Services are being provided by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority who are patrolling and doing minor upkeep of the park. The minor refurbishments are in the design and permitting process. The WCA has awarded a contract for Planning & Design of the Park to Blue Green Consulting with the planning beginning in June.	39.9	\$1,284,920
RMC3596	Watershed Conservation Authority	Azusa River Wilderness Park Planning and Implementation - Prop 40	Planning and Implementation for the Azusa River Wilderness Park. This process will produce a plan for the Azusa River Wilderness Park with specific Plans for the El Encanto property.	The Grant documents are in process of execution and the Design Team is on board and beginning work.		\$875,000

ACTIVE RMC PROJECTS

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Acreage to be Acquired	Funding
RMC3238	City of Bellflower	Bellflower Riverview Park	This project will create a recreation area fronting the San Gabriel River. The project will provide a natural, riverfront environment serving not just the residents of Bellflower, but numerous communities located up and down river. Proposed improvements include a paved bikeway, landscaping, park benches, lighting, and informational signing. A direct link to the San Gabriel River bikeway will be created, as well as linkage to the City of Bellflower West Branch Bikeway currently in the preliminary engineering phase of development. Funds not used for acquisition were redirected from 3261.	Acquisition of the tax-default parcel was completed 12/28/05. Conceptual Plans have been reviewed by the City Council and the RMC. These were submitted to SCE for review and comment, and revised plans based on SCE comments are now back at SCE for review. Once SCE approves the conceptual plans, they will be forwarded to PUC for approval, then SCE and the City can enter into a sub-lease for the 11 acres, ensuring land tenure. Amendment 3 has been processed to update the budget and timeline, and to include redirection of \$200K from RMC 3261, as City has purchased 3.9 acres of property for the Park. This extension was approved by the RMC Board on 3/20/06.		\$300,000
RMC3252	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	Bikeway Plan-Gateway Cities	This plan will coordinate, prioritize and comprehensively evaluate the regional bikeway needs in the Gateway Cities area. Conceptual plans are underway and negotiations with public agencies related to right of way development components continue.	To date the Steering Committee has reviewed consultant approach and toured project in Paramount. Cities are beginning review of possible RMC objectives along the pathway. Field review, review of applicable plans, policies and documents are 50% complete. Aerial survey has been conducted and base map preparation is in progress. Discussions were also in progress with MTA as to allowable uses of property. Amendment of scope of work and timeline are needed.		\$250,000
RMC3251	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Brownfield Study-San Gabriel Valley	Brownfields in the San Gabriel Valley COG area were identified for possible open space and economic development opportunities. Currently, ranking of the sites for future development as open space uses is underway and the project should be complete in Fall 2006. Approximately \$65,000 funding will be returned to the RMC due to a smaller scope of work than originally anticipated.	Inventory of Brownfield sites is complete but yielded a smaller number of sites than anticipated. Staff is working with the grantee to identify the most beneficial adjustment to the scope of the remaining work. No further work has been completed since the previous report. A grant amendment for classification and extension of performance end date will be processed.		\$250,000
RMC3601	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Capital Project Management Services	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant agreement and close out of projects.		\$353,538
RMC3593	City of Long Beach	City of Long Beach Project Management Services	The Long Beach Project Services Management grant is to the City of Long Beach Real Estate Division for services on acquisition.	5/18/06 the grant has been redirected from WCA 320004 to this RMC grant. The executed grant was sent to the State for certification on 5/17/06.		\$100,000
RMC3599	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Compton Creek	The grant will provide funding to LASGRWC for implementation of the Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan and to build local capacity to plan for, manage, and construct watershed projects within the plan territory.	RMC Board approved a grant of \$50,000 to fund ongoing implementation strategies for the watershed plan		\$50,000

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Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Acreage to be Acquired	Funding
RMC3246	City of Compton	Compton Creek Regional Garden Park	The project is a multi-use recreational facility consisting of 3.3 miles of trails along Compton Creek connecting nearby parks, nature classrooms, and nature preserves within the watershed. The project includes bike paths, walking, jogging and hiking trails, equestrian trails, a native plant arboretum, nature classrooms, tree planting and security.	A draft report has been prepared and comments have been submitted to the consultants.		\$100,000
RMC3213	County of Orange	Coyote and Carbon Creeks Watershed Management Plan	This project is to develop a watershed plan for the Coyote and Carbon Creek Watershed, a tributary of the San Gabriel River, in order to maintain, restore and enhance a healthy 155 square mile watershed.	Two of the technical memos are at 90% completion, Existing Conditions & Opportunities and Constraints. The series of existing conditions maps is nearly complete. Participation in the bi-monthly workshops has been strong 30-40 City, nonprofit & agency representatives. The project is on track to be completed in January '07.		\$150,000
RMC3584	City of Cerritos	Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park	The Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park is a project that will enhance the two accesses to the Coyote Creek Bike Path. RMC staff has been working successfully with the City of Cerritos in defining the gateway/access area to Coyote Creek. The improvements include an improved gateway at Shoemaker Street, a pedestrian ramp for ADA access, and trail identification signage. There would be new fencing from the improved gateway on Shoemaker to the City's maintenance building.	The City is nearing completion of the design process and is moving forward with its permits with LA County Flood Control District.		\$250,000
RMC3580	Trails 4 All	Coyote Creek Regional Trail System Improvements	The Coyote Creek Regional Trail System project is an assessment of the Coyote Creek Bike Trail as well as signage and some greening projects.	There have been three planning committee meetings with representation from many of the cities, agencies, business and organizations along Coyote Creek. There have been three field trips to do a ground truthing assessment of the trail. The mapping is proceeding and is at about 70%. The agreement to share GIS data from the County of Orange is in place. The planning has begun for the Bike fairs in the parks that will precede the community stakeholders workshops.		\$250,000
RMC3318	City of Los Alamitos	Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement Project	The Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement project is the creation of a park out of an underused space along Coyote Creek. This project will also add to other improvements along Coyote Creek with the ultimate goal of greening this tributary of the San Gabriel River.	. The City has been working with the RMC staff and SCE staff, negotiations produced a short term lease. The parties are working together to go forward to the PUC to negotiate a long term lease. The City has hired Withers and Sangren to develop the design of the park, concept designs completed and being reviewed.		\$1,440,000
RMC3232	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Dominguez Gap Wetlands Restoration Multi-use Project	The Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse project proposes to modify two existing retention basins located on each side of the Los Angeles River to create 12 acres of functional wetland and riparian habitat, improve water quality and recharge, create passive recreational facilities, including trails, shade structures, and interpretive signage, along with providing educational features, and improve aesthetic values. Furthermore, this project provides direct access to the 51-mile Los Angeles River Parkway. Funding for construction is not recommended at this stage since the project is still in the planning phase. In fact, the Deforest Park project and this project may be combined to make more efficient use of funds that may be provided by the Coastal Conservancy.	Plans are at 100% completion and work has begun on design of interpretive signage for the Project. Bids are expected to be received on May 23,2003. Notice to proceed will be issued once contractual details are resolved.		\$200,000

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Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Acreage to be Acquired	Funding
RMC3583	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Dominguez Gap/De Forest Park Restoration	This project provides for several options: 1- Extend wetlands in the northern .5-mile of the basin and restore marsh and low riparian habitat. Construct small interpretive center, improve walkways, and add interpretive signage. Selectively remove exotic trees and shrubs and replace with high riparian woodland trees. Restore southern .75-mile as native scrub and riparian habitats. CH2M hill feasibility study completed June 2002. (\$2.2 million); 2: Option 1 with enhanced water supply from the LA River (\$6.3 million); 3: Revise grading of site to flow from north to south for the entire length of the basin for wetlands and diverse habitats. Enhance water supply from LA River or CalTrans 105 Source.	This project is still pending an agreement between Los Angeles County Flood control District. and the City of Long Beach. An application for funding under the River Parkway Grant Program is currently being reviewed by the Resources Agency		\$100,000
RMC3273	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Geotechnical Studies	The grant provides for geotechnical sampling on the Woodland Duck Farm property and independent analysis of the sampling results. The primary deliverable, a geotechnical report on the porosity of the underground strata will determine the feasibility of groundwater recharge at the site.	The final results of testing have been reviewed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The report indicates that the area tested is not suitable for groundwater recharge. These findings will be used by the site master plan consultant team.		\$146,756
RMC3243	Watershed Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Planning	The purpose of this project is to create a Master Plan for the Woodland Duck Farm property. The products of the Phase 1 planning will be community outreach and visioning, data gathering and analysis, feasibility Studies for access, circulation, watershed improvement projects etc., identification of feasibility analysis needs, commencement of an Interim Public Use Plan, and recommendation for funding strategies and opportunities. The plan will incorporate a finding under CEQA.	The first phase of the planning is almost complete. Input from stakeholders has been gathered and is currently being analyzed for use in the development of design alternatives. The review of concept alternatives is underway and input from stakeholder is being sought. A public meeting to review the draft alternatives is planned for July 15, 2006 at San Angelo Park.		\$330,000
RMC3274	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Traffic Studies	The grant provides for CEQA documentation; a traffic study on the Woodland Duck Farm property and for professional services related to the project. The CEQA documentation is required under state law for the project. The traffic study will assist in determining the limitations on public access and establish threshold for limited access by RMC and WCA staff. The grant also funds legal services associated with review of easements on the property.	This grant has been redirected to planning and/or improvements for the project.		\$45,331
RMC3259	County of Los Angeles	East Los Angeles Civic Center Improvements	Assist in creating a sustainable, educational water feature connecting the plaza through open space	The Board of Supervisors has approved the budget for this project. Final design of the fountain is pending approvals by the Health Dept. and other permitting agencies.		\$500,000
RMC3587	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Edens Lost and Found: Emerald Necklace	This project is to produce a segment in an episode of Edens Lost & Found on the Emerald Necklace & create a Teacher's Curriculum for the video with Amigos de los Rios. This will utilize Amigos's community outreach, with the local schools and park programs as a companion to the film. Both of these products will utilize and enhance the interpretive themes and goals of the revitalized parks of the Emerald Necklace, emphasizing sustainable practices and choices.	The filming is complete. The first two segments of the PBS series, " The Rebirth of its Cities and Visionary Leaders", was shown on May 18th & May 25th. The Chicago episode followed by the Philadelphia episode with the LA episode to air sometime in the fall.		\$74,500

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Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Acreage to be Acquired	Funding
RMC3263	City of Long Beach	El Dorado Nature Center Renewal	The El Dorado Nature Center Renewal is a revitalization of the acreage not utilized currently by the nature center. A master plan has been completed calling for the restoration of the El Dorado Park. The project is to refurbish the site as a demonstration riparian, riparian woodland, riverine, oak woodland, and coastal sage scrub habitats through selected removal of exotic plants, thinning of heavily wooded areas, and planting of natives. The life cycle of current plants are nearing an end. Native insects and animals are scarce due to lack of food and shelter. The lakes are eutrophing, as they are a closed system.	Grantee has executed its grant agreement and choose a consultant from the RFP process. The work will be done in conjunction with a stream restoration and slated to be completed by June 2007.		\$327,000
RMC3208	City of Long Beach	El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study	The City of Long Beach will study the feasibility of bringing the urban run-off flow of the San Gabriel River through El Dorado Regional Park, Nature Center, and proposed Wetlands to make the park's lake and stream systems part of the San Gabriel River System in a 2.3-mile long riparian habitat. The partially developed northwest corner of the Regional Park would be developed as wetland to help remove pollutants, and natural riparian habitat would be restored along the stream. Picnics and events would be scaled back to prevent undue disturbance.	The initial feasibility study is complete and the City staff has reviewed and commented on the draft. The final report is completed and the final minor edits are being completed prior to the printing of the final report and presentation to the RMC.		\$100,000
RMC3566	City of Glendora	Ferguson and Wildwood Pre-Acquisition Expenses	The Ferguson and Wildwood properties are two large, diverse open spaces in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. This grant will pay for the appraisals and appraisal reviews enabling the City of Glendora and the City of San Dimas to seek funding for acquisition.	The appraisals of Ferguson and Wildwood Canyons are complete. The state review of the appraisals for Wildwood and Ferguson are complete and supported. The work for this grant is now completed, with the request for payment and a final report the final tasks to be completed.		\$50,000
RMC3229	City of West Covina	Galster Park Project	Amendment of 5/16/05 changed scope of work. Funds previously earmarked for improvements to the hill top Boys Camp (\$150,000) to be relocated to the family camp, making it a fully functional ADA accessible campground. The trails, restrooms, and signage will be upgraded. Landscaping will also be enhanced with native plants. Plans are 100% and bidding to select a contractor is underway.	As of April 2006, construction is underway. The RMC approved modifications to the work plan and the project is expected to be completed on schedule.		\$476,000
RMC3337	City of El Monte and Amigos de los Rios	Gibson Park Habitat Plantings	Part of the Emerald Necklace, Gibson Park grant from the RMC will fund native landscaping, an outdoor interpretive kiosk and an outdoor classroom where visitors and school children can learn about the natural history and resources of this area of the watershed.	Amigos continues with to work on development of construction drawings for the Park.		\$433,500
RMC3223	City of Glendora	Gordon-Mull	Gordon-Mull is a 42 acre acquisition which provides for the protection and enhancement of two blue-line streams and connected wetlands, sensitive plant communities. A hiking trail is proposed, a small house will be refurbished as a nature center and a habitat/restoration plan would be prepared and implemented with Glendora Community Conservancy.	The appraisal and the state review of the appraisal are complete. The plans for the alternative waterline have been reviewed by the City and RMC staff. The City Dept. of Public Works is working with the owner's engineer to design the waterline and easements for the waterline realignment.	42	\$2,500,000
RMC3340	North East Trees	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II	This grant will fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children. Funded elements include landscaping and interpretative signage as well as an environmental art project to be conducted by the children of Graham elementary.	NET has submitted applications for permits and is waiting for approval before proceeding.		\$50,920

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RMC3240	Watershed Conservation Authority	Green Visions-Habitat, Trail and Recreational Access Plan	The product of this grant is a framework for the Green Visions Plan. The deliverables included a plan inventory, online plan library and map, data scan and analytical framework and workshop.	Grantee has completed Phase I and received an extension on the Bridge Funding Phase. They have released the both a Target Species Report and Recreational Assessment planning reports. Work on the development of GIS and related tools is on-going.		\$500,000
RMC3568	Watershed Conservation Authority	Green Visions Phase II	This Phase II project is to implement the major tasks identified in the Phase I framework, to identify and assess opportunities for habitat conservation and restoration, open space acquisition and recreational facilities development, and watershed protection efforts. The GIS planning tool and data sets will also be created. To retain its utility, the data infrastructure associated with this tool will need to be managed. This phase of the project will span at least two years, with a start date of January 1, 2005.	This grant provides funding for Phase II of Green Visions which will include the development and release of specific GIS tools related to target species, park and open space data, hydrological modeling information, and other essential planning tools.		\$500,000
RMC3233	California Native Habitat Endowment Fund	Habitat Authority Community Outreach & Education	This project is to put together a curriculum to train the trail and program volunteers (Docents) on the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Authority properties.	This grant has been redirected to the Puente Hills Habitat Authority which now has the staff to facilitate the work to be completed.		\$20,000
RMC3556	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Historical Ecology of the RMC Territory	This project will: 1) Define and prioritize historical research questions to meet restoration and management information needs; 2) Develop historical data archive and database; 3) Develop initial land use history map and timeline; 4) Digitize and georectify key historical data sets; and 5) Assess the relative value of different historical data sources to answer pressing environmental management questions.	The project team met over the last quarter and refined the scope of work for the project based on the overall stated project goals. The revised work plan includes a refinement of the spatial and temporal scope of the analysis that will ensure we complete the project by December 2006. The revised plan was submitted to the RMC for review and comment. The project team met with the Habitat and Science Advisory Panel (HSAP) in January 2006 to review the revised scope of work. During the 1st Qtr 2006, the project team completed elements of the first four project tasks. In January 2006, the team met with the Habitat and Science Advisory Panel (HSAP) to discuss the overall scope and approach to the project. The HSAP generally agreed with and supported the direction of the project team. Throughout the past quarter, the team has compiled extensive maps on the topography, land use, soils, and geology of the watershed. Over the next quarter, the project team will meet with the Stakeholder Group (on May 3, 2006) to present the project and to solicit input from the ultimate end users of the products. In addition, data compilation and interpretation will continue over the next quarter.		\$148,000

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RMC3359	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Invasive Weed Control in Riparian Habitat of San Gabriel Valley	Undesirable invasive non-native plants will be selectively controlled by targeted herbicide applications, requiring minimal cutting and biomass reduction, performed by Riparian Repairs, a licensed pest control business, as subcontractor to the Watershed Council, extending and expanding previous habitat restoration work initiated during the year 2000 to: Rio Hondo Riparian Corridor, San Gabriel. River channel at Whittier Narrows, Whittier Narrows Nature Center, Santa Fe Dam Basin and San Gabriel. River channel in Azusa, and Eaton Canyon Nature Center.	Inspection and reapplication of herbicide is ongoing as part of the eradication process.		\$36,000
RMC3225	City of La Mirada	La Mirada Creek Restoration Planning	The project would plan for 1): The removal of numerous sick and dying trees, replanting of native species, leveling of turf along trail at Oak Creek Park, revegetation of additional areas, rebuild of amphitheater at Creek Park, and interpretive signage regarding the wildlife and native vegetation in the area. 2) :Replacement of two bridges damaged by previous storms, repair horse trail paths and plant native vegetation along the sides, reslope the path to the public restroom facilities (ADA), and install three stormceptor devices along La Mirada Creek to keep pollutants from entering the stream.	An agreement between Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the City of La Mirada to conduct the planning is pending. Planning will proceed once the agreement is signed.		\$150,000
RMC3367	La Verne Land Conservancy	La Verne Open Space ANF Connection (Project 1)	The La Verne Open Space project is an enhancement of open space being purchased by the City of La Verne in the Marshall Canyon Area of the San Gabriel Foothills. The La Verne Land Conservancy will operate and maintain the property. There will be trailhead signage, improvements and interpretation to the local students and community groups.	The LVLC has engaged a consultant and has begun the planning process with two stakeholders meetings. The Conservancy & the Mia Lehrer have begun the preliminary designs and is looking into drainage issues on the properties.		\$208,000
RMC3222	City of Fullerton	Laguna Lake Park Master Plan	The Laguna Lake project in the City of Fullerton is a restoration of a park designed and utilized since the 1950's. The Coastal Conservancy and the RMC are working on reviving the fishing lake, the pathways and landscaping along the lakeside. The renovation will include a new parking lot, outdoor classroom, restroom, picnic areas, fishing piers, ADA accessible walks and ramps, realignment and regarding of park trails, addition of retaining walls and new landscaping and irrigation. The RMC Grant will support a combination of grants and fund the master plan, refurbishment of the trail and landscaping on one side of the lake.	The lake has been refurbished with a new filtration system and is currently being stocked by Dept. of Fish & Game. The master plan is completed, with City and RMC staff prioritizing the phases and beginning refurbishment of the trail and landscape in the next quarter.		\$500,000
RMC3231	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Lario Creek Enhancement Project	This grant will provide planning funds for stream bank stabilization and restoration while increasing the channel's ability to divert water for groundwater replenishment. Stream bank stabilization and restoration will be accomplished using bioengineering techniques, removing invasive vegetation, and revegetating with native plants. Enhancing and restoring the vegetation will also promote ecological diversity, provide additional wildlife habitat, and increase its educational value. The resulting project will contribute significantly to the recreational opportunities for the communities of South El Monte, Pico Rivera, Whittier, and other nearby communities. The site is proposed to be open to the public to enjoy the low impact recreational amenities and educational opportunities.	The planning consultant has developed two concept alternatives for the re alignment of Lario Creek. Review of the two alternatives by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is still in progress.		\$125,000

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RMC3372	City of El Monte	Lashbrook Park	Lashbrook Park is a creation of a park out of unused land along the Rio Hondo River. The land is owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Lashbrook Park will be developed into a neighborhood park and rest stop for the bike trail on the Rio Hondo River. The existing vacant property will be landscaped with trees and turf, new fencing, security lighting, and picnic benches. A grant was applied for through the LA County Regional Park and Open Space Bond Act. The RMC funded portion is for native landscaping in staff expertise.	The bio swale zone has been completed, the trail construction is complete along with the watering system and some plantings. The park is complete and was opened on January 28th, 2006.		\$71,000
RMC3373	County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation	Legg Lake Fishing Pier	This grant will provide restoration of an area of North Legg Lake by implementing a shoreline restoration program which includes ADA parking, an access walkway and ramp, an informational kiosk and native landscaping.	The RMC & County Parks have processed a second amendment to the grant. The Dept of Fish & Game is requiring an updated biological survey, which will take up to 8 weeks. The new project end date will be June 30, 2007. 90% construction review plans (NIC landscaping), the biological survey and technical specifications were received by RMC on 3/23/06.		\$500,000
RMC3374	City of Walnut	Lemon Creek	There are flood improvements and clearance of the creek area that need to be completed, past flood control measures have uprooted concrete preventing the natural flow of the creek.	A contractor has been selected and demolition work has begun.		\$225,000
RMC3570	Aquarium of the Pacific	Long Beach Aquarium Watershed Exhibit Expansion Project	This grant facilitates the completion of the "Long Beach Aquarium Expansion Project - RMC 3257" for design and planning. The project includes construction and installation of a LEED certified classroom, native landscaping, a public exhibit at Pier Point Landing and a watershed exhibit consisting of watershed tables and interactive interpretive displays. The "green" classroom, which will be certified at LEED Platinum level. The project is moving forward, with the exception of the green classroom construction. The City of Long Beach has requested assistance of Congresswoman Millender-McDonald for quick resolution with the National Park Service regarding the land exchange to facilitate the location of the classroom. Selection of a contractor and groundbreaking originally planned for August 2006 have been delayed.	Project is on hold pending resolution of land tenure with the Federal Government. The Long Beach Aquarium expansion project is a creation of a classroom and interpretive exhibits that are focused on the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watersheds. The Aquarium has ongoing fundraising and grant applications for further funding due to construction cost increases. The Aquarium has joined the City of Long Beach's Green Building Team to help implement green building policies. The permit process and land swap with the City of Long Beach is moving forward. The exhibit planning is moving forward in the next quarter with a stakeholders meeting, utilizing the new exhibit designer on the Aquarium's staff. Contractor proposals are under review Spring 2006.		\$1,322,000
RMC3380	City of Bell	Los Angeles River Bikeway Path Enhancement and Rehabilitation	Enhancement and rehabilitation of the bikeway path to include removal of dilapidated chain link/barbed wire fence, installation of native California vegetation, drip irrigation, decorative wrought iron fencing and river rock. The City has contracted LA DPW Watershed Department to conduct all work. 100% plans have been generated and the project is expected to be complete by late 2006. Funds from LA Watershed and Resources Agency are also being used to develop adjoining sections of the bike trail with the same design components, running through Bell and into City of Cudahy.	Kick off for the construction was held at the April Earth Day event for the Los Angeles River. The City of Bell will be improving the path from Gage to Fostoria Street along the Los Angeles River in the City. The RMC funds provide native plantings, irrigation and river rock hardscape between Gage and Florence. LA County Watershed is the subcontractor for both Bell and Cudahy. Notice to proceed construction is anticipated in June, 2006. RMC has revised timeline, but end date, scope of work and budget remain same, so no amendment necessary.		\$200,000

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RMC3226	City of Lynwood	Lynwood Meadows	Lynwood Meadows project will rehabilitate a vacant city-owned property as a park. The project is located in a densely populated community. The majority of the park is proposed to be open space, with a shaded picnic area, a tot lot and basketball courts. Alternate funding has been identified for non-passive components. The City will utilize native vegetation and open space components in compliance with RMC requirements.	The grantee is in the process of completing the design plans. A comprehensive Workplan is in place for the development of the park. A time extension has been processed for this project.		\$562,379
RMC3394	North East Trees	Maywood Bikeway Access	Funding will provide for an enhanced and naturalized bikeway access with native planting, permeable surface, bench seating, and other amenities on the north side of Slauson Avenue at the LA River. The project is identified in the <i>Los Angeles River Bikeway and Greenway Planning Study</i> .	Development and review of concepts for this project is ongoing. NET is working with the City of Maywood to coordinate the Bikeway improvements with street improvements by the City. The next round of design review is scheduled for the coming weeks		\$208,254
RMC3395	City of Maywood	Maywood Riverfront Park	The project has taken abandoned industrial and Superfund sites and converted them into a riverfront park with connections to the LA River Bike Trail. RMC board approved \$250K to complete construction	Grant agreement has been executed and work has begun on the project. Expected completion date is June 30, 2006.		\$250,000
RMC3269	City of Pico Rivera	Mines Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project	Bike lane enhancements including resurfacing the bike lanes, curb and gutter reconstruction, striping and signage.	The final design plans were reviewed by the RMC and are being submitted to the City Council for approval. The construction documents will be generated next. Work is expected to be completed within the contracted timeframe.		\$280,118
RMC3204	City of Monrovia	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	The City of Monrovia has a Hillside Wilderness Preserve of over 800 acres. This project is to purchase additional parcels. The City staff has a list of identified properties based on location and connection value for incorporation into the Preserve.	The City of Monrovia has received a report from DGS supporting the appraisal of the first identified parcel and is moving forward in adding the 10 acres parcel to the preserve. This acquisition will leave the City funds to purchase more acreage in the Preserve.	20	\$810,000
RMC3419	City of Downey	NASA Park	The site is a former parking lot for the Boeing Company, Rockwell and other defense contractors at the former NASA site. The project includes trailhead and trailside facilities: restrooms, shade structure for educational purposes, benches, trashcans, drinking fountains and bike racks. The trail to be used by walkers and joggers will be enhanced with trees providing a canopy for shade, the creek like swale system and natural vegetation. The interpretive signage will provide information on the process being used to clean the storm water. The City plans to develop a combination low-impact/high impact recreation area with ball fields and a walking trail.	Landscape architect was selected in June, 2005, and conceptual design approved at that time. RMC Staff met with new City team in mid May 2006, as many changes have occurred in the scope. City wishes to request an extension and revision to some parts of the project. City still anticipates taking project to bid in June/July 2006, with a completion date of March, 2007		\$250,000
RMC3602	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Native Habitat Docent Manual	The Native Habitat Docent Manual is a project that started out with the Habitat Fund and has been redirected to the Habitat Authority due to their capacity to complete the work at this time.	The Grant documents are in process of execution and the Habitat Authority has begun its work.		\$26,000
RMC3585	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Native Landscape Workshop	To develop and a run a workshop for landscape architects, park planners, park maintenance, and others interested in native landscape.	Based on a action by the RMC board in May, 2006, two further workshops will be conducted in September, 2006.		\$5,212

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RMC3571	Friends of the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge	Native Plant Garden Trail Restoration	The project with the Friends of Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge will restore their native plant walk trail on site. It will define and improve the trail in order to provide for easier access for handicapped visitors and the general public; achieve a more professional appearance, and provide for ease of future maintenance.	The grant agreement has been executed, the plans are complete. The Friends have asked to be released from their grant due to a timing issue. Staff is working with the Friends to ensure them that there is enough time to complete the work by Dec 2006.		\$25,000
RMC3422	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Native Plant Palettes for the San Gabriel River	This grant provides funding for development of a list of native plants that can be used as suitable vegetation palettes for establishment of native plants in the San Gabriel River Watershed.	The grantee has begun work on the project and is in the process of obtaining permits to collect samples of vegetation in the San Gabriel River Watershed. Work continues on the project.		\$52,788
RMC3425	City of Anaheim	Oak Canyon Nature Center	The project proposes improvements to the interpretive trail and nature center entryway and outdoor amphitheatre. The nature center is a 58-acre natural park with a year-round stream, Walnut Creek, three adjoining canyons, and over four miles of hiking trails that traverse oak woodlands and coastal sage scrub.	The improvements to the Oak Canyon Nature Center are small but critical to implementing the Interpretive Plan for the park. The grantee has completed the installation and will be submitting payment request and final reports.		\$6,050
RMC3207	City of Brea	Olinda Historic Trail	The project is to build a trail from the historic oil production area of the City of Brea up into the dedicated open space in the hillsides adjacent to Chino Hills State Park. The project will improve public access to open space, facilitate the growth of native plants and adapt existing oil company access roads for trail use.	The City has a contractor on board and is nearing completion of construction of the trail and its interpretive elements.		\$98,050
RMC3426	City of Brea	Olinda Historic Trail Phase II	The Olinda Historic Trail II is the extension of the Olinda Trail funded by the RMC, allowing for the City to create a loop trail that takes advantage of the conservation easement.	. The City of Brea has completed the design and has a contractor in place. The early stages of trail construction are underway.		\$45,000
RMC3592	EarthWorks Enterprises	Organic Community Farm	This grant is to fund several projects at the EarthWorks Community Organic Farm, located in South El Monte. A native plant revegetation meadow, a native plant demonstration garden, living visual screens, and development of related educational programs and materials are all proposed.	This grant is to fund several projects at the EarthWorks Community Organic Farm, located in South El Monte. A native plant revegetation meadow, a native plant demonstration garden, living visual screens, and development of related educational programs and materials are all proposed. The grant contract was signed in April and work is beginning.		\$83,260
RMC3270	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Park Bond Project Management Services II (Capital Projects)	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant agreement and close out of projects. All services have been completed.		\$589,139
RMC3242	City of Baldwin Park	Park Master Plan- Baldwin Park	Development of a Master Plan to identify opportunities for increasing open space, including a plan for increasing the use of Walnut Creek Nature Park and creating access to Walnut Creek, a tributary of the San Gabriel River. MIG is the new planning consultant. The project is moving forward in the planning process, city and community outreach meetings are being held.	May 2006, City of Baldwin Park is working to clarify the scope of work to include RMC Objectives. A grant amendment and extension are pending		\$50,000

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RMC3594	City of La Puente	Phase I Implementation of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center	Phase I of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center is designed to make the park functional while additional funding is being sought to complete the proposed project. The project elements included in Phase I are the walking trails, entrance gates and signage, irrigation, landscaping, decorative safety fence, wetland reproduction, interpretive displays, a temporary restroom, and parking spaces.	The RMC board approved a \$750,000 grant in May 2006.		\$750,000
RMC3224	City of La Puente	Puente Creek Nature Education Center	The City of La Puente proposes acquisition of a vacant parcel along Puente Creek on which the Nature Center would be located. Situated between an existing school and the channelized creek, the sheltered education center will provide the local community as well as the students of the surrounding school districts the opportunity to gain knowledge of environmental issues that face our communities. The proposed facility will be an area which schools and other community organizations will be able to access for practical learning opportunities and passive recreation.	The City of La Puente has acquired a vacant parcel along Puente Creek to locate a Nature Center, which will provide local students and the community the opportunity to learn about current, relevant environmental issues. In May, 2006 the RMC Board approved a grant of \$750,000 to the city for construction of the Nature Center. Planning for this phase is underway.	0.95	\$400,000
RMC3241	City of Paramount	Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	This is a grant to be used for the open space and passive use master planning process related to acreage acquired using Proposition A and 13 funds. These parcels are near the existing LA River park in Paramount. A grant amendment is pending for the project to move forward into the planning process.	During first quarter 2006, RMC staff met with Paramount to restart Master planning process regarding all parcels purchased with State funds. The City prepared and sent a request for qualifications to 10 consultants on June 7, 2006. Submittals are due July 7, 2006.		\$200,000
RMC3234	Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation	Rancho Los Alamitos Native Garden Restoration	The project includes planting of natives, the construction of pathways, interpretive signage, and professional services related to design and planning for the native plantings and improved grading. Additional work will include restoration of a re-circulating water feature in the garden.	Installation of the water feature is now complete. The system is currently being tested to identify any remaining leaks. Once the grantee reports that testing is complete, this grant will be closed out.		\$63,546
RMC3597	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Rio Dulce Acquisition	The grant will provide matching funds to MRCA to support a bid for acquisition of the Rio Dulce Ranch. The ranch, comprised of approximately 1,015 acres, is located south of State Route 14 (Antelope Valley Freeway), by Agua Dulce Canyon Road, north of the Santa Clara River, in the Soledad Canyon/Santa Clara River watershed.	The property was up for auction on May 26th, 2006 as a result of a bankruptcy filing by the owners. Bids received exceeded the appraised value of the property and MRCA was therefore not successful with their bid.	1015	
RMC3458	City of Montebello	Rio Hondo - Roosevelt Avenue River Trail Entry	The City of Montebello's Roosevelt Avenue trailhead is the enhancement of a basic trailhead on the Rio Hondo bike path. This project will dovetail with a project that the City is working on with the Resources Agency to enhance the amenities along the Rio Hondo in Montebello.	The City has design plans that are 100%, the RMC staff has reviewed and commented on them. The City is in the process of the licensing with the County Flood Control District which looks to be complete. Construction will begin in the next quarter.		\$200,000
RMC3465	City of El Monte and Amigos de los Rios	Rio Vista Nature Trail	This is the second phase following the Rio Vista Park rehabilitation. Funding would provide for landscaping and trail improvements to the Rio Hondo right of way from Rio Vista Park to Valley Boulevard connecting the park and the river trail. The improvements will include an entrance gate, native plants, benches and interpretive signage showcasing social and natural history.	The City of El Monte has approved a contract with Amigos de los Rios. Final design has been approved by the City Parks Commission and will be considered by City Council in June 2006.		\$567,000

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RMC3221	City of El Monte	Rio Vista Park Restoration and Conservation Project	The Rio Vista Park Restoration is a project that provides the restoration and rehabilitation of Rio Vista Park complete with interpretive displays, historical depictions of the Rio Hondo. Newly constructed bicycle trails and pedestrian walkways formed with native vegetation and historical growth will line the park and the Rio Hondo River and provide pedestrian connection points between major corridor of the City.	Demolition of the restoration areas is underway, the project has been supplemented with two grants from other agencies. Construction will begin in the next quarter with completion by Spring of 2007.		\$375,200
RMC3557	Southern California Coastal Water research Project	Riparian and Wetland Mapping	The purpose of this project is to generate comprehensive up-to-date digital maps of: 1) wetland habitats (including estuaries, streams, lake wetlands, depressional wetlands and vernal pools), 2) riparian vegetation community composition, 3) riparian geomorphic boundary and 4) flood control infrastructure for the RMC Territory.	Recommendations on the scope of the project were made by the RMC Habitat and science Panel and have been transmitted to the grantee. SCCWRP and CSUN presented an overview of the wetland and riparian mapping project. SCCWRP staff has issued a subcontract with CSUN and work has commenced collecting the digital imagery to begin mapping. In addition, CSUN staff was trained by SFEI in techniques of riparian mapping.		\$104,000
RMC3248	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements	The WCA has identified trail access and signage improvements as a critical need for the river corridors in our territory. This grant has seven sub-grants that are for improvements and signage along the San Gabriel River and they are: Signage at Thienes Avenue, the Gateway to the Los Angeles River in Long Beach at Golden Shore, signage of the Lower Los Angeles River, access improvements at Arrow Highway in Irwindale, the Compton Creek Trail Project on the Los Angeles River, and signage of the San Gabriel River.	The seven sub-grants for improvements and signage along the San Gabriel River and they are: Signage at Thienes Avenue, the Gateway to the Los Angeles River in Long Beach at Golden Shore, signage of the Lower Los Angeles River, access improvements at Arrow Highway in Irwindale, the Compton Creek Trail Project on the Los Angeles River, and signage of the San Gabriel River.		\$500,000
RMC3272	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	RMC Grant Guidelines	Services provided under this grant included development of grant guidelines and a workshop for successful grantees to provide assistance in selecting design and construction contractors.	The grant guidelines have been completed and updated. The consultant completed the workshops and provided all relevant material. An amendment to the scope of work also resulted in the production of GIS tools to help identify RMC projects.		\$148,422
RMC3477	San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority	San Gabriel River Discovery Center	The San Gabriel River Discovery Center (SGRDC) at the Whittier Narrows Nature Center (WNNC) includes planning and construction of a green/sustainable building (LEED Platinum level) which will serve multiple critical uses for the area. These uses include continued and expanded programs now in place at WNNC regarding the culture and natural area, serve as an introductory gateway to other resources in the watershed area, provide watershed awareness and conservation education, and also serve as a much needed meeting space for groups in the area. The site master planning includes restoration of the natural area for habitat, while providing outdoor educational experiences for all ages. Important trail nodal connections to trails in the Emerald Necklace are planned. A JPA consisting of LA County, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Central Basin Water District and the RMC was formed in January 2006. The environmental review and fundraising processes will begin in Spring 2006, following completion of documentation key to these processes.	The SGRDC approved the site concept design at its June 7, 2006 meeting. County Parks has initiated the environmental review process which is expected to last at least 18 months. Fundraising activities will also begin in earnest this summer.		\$3,000,000

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RMC3228	City of Pico Rivera	San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds	Development of a bike path/walking trail at the Spreading Grounds, landscaping, irrigation lines, the development of a rest area, lighting, interpretive signage and improved public entrances.	This project is being administered by LA County DPW. Work began in January (on the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds simultaneously) and is expected to be complete by September.		\$479,882
RMC3567	City of Whittier	San Gabriel River Trail Connector to Pio Pico State Historic Park	Funds will allow for the development of construction drawings and final and complete construction of a new bike trail connecting the newly refurbished Pio Pico State Historic Park to the existing class one San Gabriel River Bikeway.	Grant funds will allow for the development of construction drawings and construction of a new bike trail, with possible trailhead, connecting the Pio Pico State Historic Park to the existing San Gabriel River Bikeway. The grant agreement was approved by the Whittier City Council in February. Consultant Kimley Horn is beginning work, and the steering committee kickoff meeting was held in April.		\$450,000
RMC3239	City of Seal Beach	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement	The San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement project will create a plan and construction drawings to restore the existing San Gabriel River Trail and the trailside facilities from the Marina Dr. to Pacific Coast Highway and upgrade the site to feature new amenities.	The San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement is in the planning phase of the improvements to the City of Seal Beach terminus for the bike trail along the San Gabriel River. The City of Seal Beach has concept plans as well as construction documents that are at 100%. The CEQA Compliance process is at 88%, the cost estimates are at 77% and the City has left to complete the Community Workshops.		\$150,000
RMC3573	City of Seal Beach	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Development Project	The San Gabriel River Trail project is the development phase from the previous planning grant the City of Seal Beach received from RMC. The RMC approved this grant at the September 19, 2005 meeting that will pay for about half of the proposed improvements. The project will restore the existing San Gabriel River Trail and the trailside facilities from the First Street parking lot to Marina Drive and upgrade the site to feature new amenities. The restoration will include interpretive, way-finding and regulatory signage.	The City has 90% construction documents for the staging area at the end of the San Gabriel River. The City is moving through the permitting process with the Coastal Commission and is on track to begin construction in the Summer of 2006.		\$500,000
RMC3481	City of Long Beach	San Gabriel River Walk	The San Gabriel River Walk is a project that takes an unused open space next to the western levee of the San Gabriel River and develops it into a passive park with pathways, and native landscaping.	At the first public meeting the City met with community concerns regarding the termination of the trail at the southerly end through a residential development. The City Staff has utilized this input from the community and did further research on alternative southerly access points. There will be another public meeting in this quarter to present these additional access alternatives and to select a preferred southerly access point to the trail.		\$622,600
RMC3247	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Restoration Assessment Project	The San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Assessment project is a collection of research and data with an analysis in the Upper San Gabriel River, Walnut Creek and San Jose Creek sub watersheds.	The final report is complete and is currently being reviewed by staff. Review of the report will be on the agenda for the next RMC Science Panel's meeting and the final version will be posted to the website.		\$86,895

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RMC3230	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	San Jose Creek Bike Trail Planning	Construction of 0.7 miles of a Class I bicycle trail with enhancements to landscape and hardscape. The project includes two bridges, one over San Jose Creek and another over the San Gabriel River. This project is part of a larger regional park plan to link cities as far east as Claremont to downtown Los Angeles.	This project is for the construction of 0.7 miles of a Class 1 bicycle trail, including two bridges (over San Jose Creek and the San Gabriel River). The trail is part of a larger regional park plan to link cities as far east as Claremont to downtown Los Angeles. An extension was approved, extending the performance period to July 31, 2006. Staff has been in contact with the DPW regarding the integration of this trail improvement the planning of the Duck Farm project.		\$200,000
RMC3595	City of Santa Fe Springs	Santa Fe Springs Park Improvements and Development of Nature Sanctuary	Implementation of Phases I and II includes the functional elements of the park, such as the walking trails and landscaping. Decomposed granite walking trails, pedestrian bridges crossing the dry streambed, enhanced connections to the San Gabriel River bicycle trail, and native plantings will be installed. Succeeding phases will restore the streambed and create the picnic areas and sculptural elements of the Nature Exploration Zone.	The RMC board approved a \$600,000 grant in May 2006.		
RMC3210	City of Santa Fe Springs	Santa Fe Springs Park Master Plan & Nature Sanctuary Feasibility Study	This project will create a master plan for Santa Fe Springs Park and perform a feasibility study of the potential for creating a Nature Sanctuary on the 13 acre site adjacent and north of the Park, in between the 605 freeway and the San Gabriel River. The feasibility study will assess the feasibility of developing the 13-acre site as a Nature Sanctuary. In so doing, the study will contemplate the introduction and proliferation of native vegetation on the site, as well as consider the potential for interaction with the existing pedestrian/bike trail adjacent to the river.	This project is to develop a Master Plan for Santa Fe Springs Park and to assess the feasibility of expanding the park to create a Nature Park on the northern end. Grant was amended to extend performance period to June 30, 2006. The City is finalizing the plan/study, including mitigation requirements, and will be bringing the project to the RMC Board in May to request funding for implementation.		\$100,000
RMC3244	City of Seal Beach	Seal Beach Open Space Opportunities	This City of Seal Beach project is a small planning grant to investigate potential open space opportunities within the city. Various opportunities for planning, partnership, and property acquisition may already exist and the city wishes to develop a cohesive approach to maximize its efforts. Additionally, there are several small, fragmented efforts to restore parks and open space areas within the city, and this grant will allow for a master plan approach to future projects. The RMC funding funds a thorough investigation of open space opportunities, interested partners, property owner information, and significance to regional trails, recreational opportunities, as well as habitat value.	The City of Seal Beach has received the final report produced by RBF after their extensive survey of the City. The final report has been received, final payment requests are in process.		\$100,000
RMC3262	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Seventh Avenue Trailhead Improvements	Seventh Avenue Trailhead is a project working with the Habitat Authority in the northern Puente Hills creating a bioswale as well as access to the trails in the hills. The Seventh Avenue Trailhead improvements project involves the development of a trailhead, including interpretive signage, a parking area, ADA access, and vegetation, along with a bioswale.	The Habitat Authority has completed the project that included a trailhead, interpretive signage, a bioswale and connection to the Skyline Trail, they also hosted a trail opening event. RMC staff are awaiting the final report and payment request as the final tasks on this grant to be completed.		\$231,739

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RMC3588	City of South Gate	South Gate LA River Parkway Access Improvements	Improvements to the Southern Avenue and Hollydale Park Los Angeles River Parkway Access. Improvements will feature new gates, fencing, native landscaping and interpretative signage.	This project will provide access improvements to the Los Angeles River Parkway, at Southern Avenue and Hollydale Park. Improvements will feature new gates, fencing, native landscaping, and interpretive signage. The project manager is currently working with other City departments and LA Watershed Management District to finalize the design ideas, and create an RFP.		\$250,000
RMC3237	North East Trees	South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration	Land tenure negotiations are underway with various entities to allow the restoration of this acreage for riparian/open space uses. The property actually lies within the jurisdiction of the City of Lynwood.	As of May 2006 the RMC Board approved rescoping and extension of this project. Additional property is under consideration and the new scoping will allow feasibility assessment.		\$500,000
RMC3220	City of Diamond Bar	Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Development Project-Diamond Bar	The Sycamore Canyon Trail Development project would develop the first trail increment of the City's five site city-wide trail system. Sycamore Canyon Park is an existing 50 acre city park that provides active recreation along with an undeveloped trail that begins at the existing parking lot near Golden Springs Drive and travels through undeveloped areas east toward Diamond Bar Boulevard. The undeveloped trails follow near an existing stream and four acres of walnut woodlands capable of supporting California Gnatcatcher and the Arroyo Toad. The proposal would result in a clearly defined path surfaced with decomposed granite and redwood headers.	This portion of the trail is complete. The trail opened on February 25, 2006.		\$124,081
RMC3582	City of Diamond Bar	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase II	Sycamore Canyon Trail II is a project that adds a length along the trail previously funded by the RMC. The Sycamore Park Trail travels .6 mile through Sycamore Canyon Park and another 1.5 miles in upper Sycamore Canyon all the way to the Diamond Bar Center. The project will create two improved access points and two class B trailheads.	The City will be releasing a request for bids for the project in the next quarter.		\$140,000
RMC3227	City of Palmdale	Tejon Park Expansion and Una Lake Equestrian Park	Acquisition of Una Lake and surrounding properties to preserve habitat, restore wetlands, and use as passive open space parkland with additional parking as an expansion of Tejon Park. 'Project includes site design, entitlement and environmental review, site clearing, grading, installation of fencing, arena, arena soil, picnic areas, parking lot and infrastructure.	Since the grant was approved the property was sold to a developer. The Grantee has had early indications that development of the property will include a setaside of Una Lake for open space. The RMC approved an extension to the performance period based on the above scenario. No further progress has been reported since the previous report.		\$265,000
RMC3291	City of Bellflower	Train Depot Staging Area	Restoration of an existing historical train depot into a regional trail rest stop/staging area as well as transit facility. Rehabilitated train station will be used as a staging area and rest area for future bikeway trail (partial funding already obtained for this project). Conceptual plans have been completed and the City will submit preliminary plans to RMC staff in May/June 2006. The project is still on task to be completed no later than 12/31/06 within the constraints of the 18 month grant period.	Historical report and assessment of the train station has been completed. The project is in the plan creation and specifications development. The non-historical features have been demolished, and the building has been opened for airing. Reconstruction of the covered platform and re-roofing and rehab of the exterior of the building are complete. Grantee has submitted request for grant extension to 12/31/06. Design plans begin ~ June '06. Grantee is aware and has agreed that all construction will be complete by 12/31/06 when the funds sunset (18 month grant).		\$250,000

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RMC3598	City of San Gabriel	Vincent Lugo Park Implementation Phase I	The grant will provide matching funds to the City for implementation of Phase 1 of the Vincent Lugo Park Masterplan. Phase 1 will include demolition of existing features; day-lighting of an existing drainage and installation of trails through a native landscape adjacent to the ball field.	Commencement of phase 1 will proceed based upon a grant of \$500,000 approved by the RMC Board in May, 2006 and confirmation of remaining funding sources.		
RMC3209	City of San Gabriel	Vincent Lugo Park Renovation	Develop a master plan for the renovation of Vincent Lugo Park. Master Plan will link San Gabriel Unified School District, the City, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Improvement contemplated include interpretive walking trail, reintroduction of native plants, picnic shelters reflecting the City's unique cultural heritage.	The City of San Gabriel has been working to prepare a Notice to Proceed for the design and preparation of construction documents for he Phase 1implementation.		\$75,000
RMC3205	City of Pasadena	Washington Park Implementation- Pasadena	Development, including rehabilitation and restoration of portions of Washington Park. Includes an interpretive Center and historic El Molino Walkway, development of a demonstration garden, park arroyo and stage area and development of a historic picnic area.	Construction on the park improvements has begun. Demolition and preparation of the planting areas is complete.		\$331,544
RMC3591	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Water Bond Project Management Services (Capital Projects)	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant agreement and close out of projects.		\$294,375
RMC3589	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Watershed Assessment and Planning Opportunities	The RMC grant would provide support to the Watershed Council to prepare a concept proposal, the first step in a two-stage application process, to seek funds for (1) the establishment of a county-wide public official outreach and education program, and (2) utilize existing organizations (e.g., Councils of Government) to build a network of sub-watershed (or sub-regional) discussion groups focused on watershed issues, to improve stakeholder outreach on water management strategies, generate additional input on the articulation of regional priorities, and identify projects that will address these priorities.	The grantee shall develop a project proposal for Proposition 50, Ch. 7 grant programs, host a project workshop and coordinate regional interests in the program.		\$9,240
RMC3219	Regents of the University of California	Watershed Education in Multi-lingual Communities	University of California Cooperative Education and East LA College are cooperating to develop a multilingual watershed interpretation and education curriculum to English as Second Language learners. Surveys with students using the program are in progress.	Grantee has implemented the curriculum with the East Los Angeles College ESL program, and is working on a third revision. Reports have been submitted regarding students interest in environmental issues and behavioral changes.		\$32,094
RMC3267	TreePeople	Watershed Education Outreach	Treepeople will provide services including Agency and Policy Maker education, Environmental Learning Program and Public Affairs Consultation. Efforts continue to define this scope of work.	Grantee working with RMC staff to redefine scope of work, as planned scope is no longer feasible.		\$188,750
RMC3250	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Watershed Improvement Projects- LACC	This grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps provides for improvements within the San Gabriel River Watershed such as invasive weed control, mulching and removal of debris. Working with the RMC staff, LACC will identify and develop a workplan for specific projects as needed.	Staff is working with LACC to identify further watershed improvement projects.		\$150,000

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RMC3543	City of Lakewood	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project Phase II	Similar to the Phase 1 improvements already completed, Phase 2 includes development of 2.3 acres of open space adjacent to the west side of San Gabriel River, improved bike path linkage to river trails and planting of several species of California indigenous trees, meadow grasses and shrubs. The project will expand the "greening" of the San Gabriel River Trail along this segment.	Planning is continuing for this project and the grantee is working with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for use of a section of Right of Way along the river adjacent to the project area. Not further progress has been reported for this period		\$300,000
RMC3255	Watershed Conservation Authority	Woodland Duck Farm Acquisition	Acquisition, planning and implementation of a riverfront park along the San Gabriel River. This 58 acre project provides a unique opportunity to connect the communities on the east side of the 605 Frwy to the west via this property and on to either the San Jose Creek Bike Trail or the San Gabriel River Bike Trail once the connections are completed by LADPW. There is also significant opportunities for habitat restoration, watershed improvements, educational and low impact recreational uses on the site.	No further progress has been reported for this project.	57.8	\$1,443,575
RMC3254	Watershed Conservation Authority	Workprogram Implementation	These funds will be applied to future RMC projects as authorized by the Board.	Funds encumbered in this grant are pending allocation to specific projects over the next fiscal year.		\$3,197,481
RMC3203	City of Long Beach	Wrigley Heights Acquisition	Acquisition of 20 acres of L.A. River front property for future restoration, recreation and open space. Negotiations continue, and grantee will present updated information to RMC staff in late March as to the status.	The RMC approved a revised scope of work for this project and a term extension at the May, 2006 meeting. The revised scope is a reduction in the acreage to be acquired and contemplates that the owner will develop a portion of the site.	20	\$5,000,000

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Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Acreage to be Acquired	Funding
RMC3200	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Park Bond Project Management Services	This grant provided for project management services for Proposition 40 capital outlay projects.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant agreement and close out of projects. All services have been completed.		\$360,487
RMC3202	City of Claremont	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	Acquisition of 240 acres in the Claremont foothills to augment the 1200-acre Claremont Hills Wilderness Park and complete Wilderness Park trail loop; includes installation of interpretive signage highlighting the biological, cultural, and historical significance of the area.	The project has been completed and the property is now owned by the City of Claremont and is part of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Preserve.	240	\$1,073,000
RMC3211	City of Signal Hill	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Geotechnical Studies) see RMC 3305 & 3306	This grant funded geotechnical studies, which are complete, and the project was closed in September 2004. RMC3305 funded the appraisal for the North Slope property of Signal Hill. This project was completed. In 2/06, the City Council adopted the recommendation of the Council-appointed task force to pursue acquisition of 11 acres of the North Slope. The Council identified four acres as the initial target of acquisition and directed city staff to proceed with the process necessary to begin negotiations with the property owner and to apply to the RMC for funding of this initial acquisition. The project will proceed with an appraisal of the property pursuant to an Project Identification Form submitted in June 2004. The appraisal determined the highest and best uses based upon the constraints identified in the geotechnical study. Related projects: RMC 3211, Geotechnical studies & RMC 3306, Acquisition (not yet funded).	This geotechnical studies have been completed. The next steps are: Appraisal of the property (project no. RMC3305) and Acquisition (project no. RMC3306).		\$20,000
RMC3212	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques Study	A method was developed to evaluate the monetary value derived from watershed improvement projects and enhancements. A user-friendly spreadsheet model that was created can be used to determine a benefit/cost ratio for a project.	All work under this grant has been completed and the grantee has submitted a final invoice. This tool was developed to help make an economic assessment of watershed improvement projects. The tool will be available to a wide range of users and demonstrations are planned for a wide variety of stakeholders.		\$50,000

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RMC3215	North East Trees	San Jose Creek Greenway Improvements, Phase II	Provide additional habitat benefits to current Greenway Project under design and due for completion. Additional plantings, interpretive signage, and volunteer events.	North East Trees will use this grant to provide additional plantings, interpretive signage, and educational materials for the current San Jose Greenway project. The Grantee has completed the planting and community outreach phases of the project and the signage is being produced. The project was completed at the end of December, 2005. The RMC project manager is working with NET to complete the closing documents and final payment request.		\$48,975
RMC3216	Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation	Rancho Los Cerritos Landscape Restoration	Based on the Rancho's Master Plan, landscaping improvements will enhance aesthetics, provide interpretive opportunities and increase security. Perimeter landscaping will also provide a living, visual barrier between site and neighbors. The natural arroyo will be restored to maintain its riparian-like habitat and minimize fire danger; the visual quality will be enhanced with the selective replanting of native trees. Additional features will include a dry creek wash, seating and interpretive booklets or signage interpreting the garden. Funding is being sought to develop drawings and specifications.	this grant provided funds for restoration plans for the Ranch Los Cerritos facility. No further work has been reported on this project.		\$55,230
RMC3217	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Children's Native Plant Garden	Planning project for a 3/4 acre children's native plant garden for children ages 4-7. The garden will highlight regionally significant indigenous communities and will incorporate interpretive exhibits on plant-animal interactions.	This grant provided for planning of the Children's garden at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. A master plan is being prepared for the Botanic Gardens to evaluate infrastructure needs for future improvements. Work on the Children's garden is on hold pending completion of the master plan.		\$55,000
RMC3218	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	THINK RIVER!	Think River is the development of an integrated watershed education program to provide educational opportunities for youth in the San Gabriel Valley regarding water quality, water supply and use, habitat. Three parts: 1) High School Student Mentoring Program 2) Teacher Education Workshop 3) Youth Watershed Conference.	This project is complete. The final version of Think River! curriculum is on file.		\$46,440
RMC3235	Friends of Pio Pico	Pio Pico State Historic Park	Production of native plant and habitat educational materials that will inform visitors of the existing California native gardens at the Pio Pico State Historic Park. The California Department of Parks and Recreation is currently transplanting non-native vegetation and replacing it with native plant species, in preparation for the re-opening of Pio Pico State Park, following three years of renovations. A brochure will serve as a self-guided tour through the native plant species and new interpretive signs will be placed throughout the native gardens. The brochure will feature historical information, native garden and habitat education.	This grant is funding the production of native plant and habitat educational materials that will inform visitors of the existing native gardens at the Pio Pico State Historic Park. The final draft has been completed but not reviewed yet by RMC.		\$5,000

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RMC3236	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	San Gabriel River Environmental Graphic Design Services Program	This project is the design of graphic elements for signage and interpretive projects along the San Gabriel River.	The project is complete, with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Watershed Division and the RMC finalizing the graphic designs.		\$17,500
RMC3245	City of Whittier	Whittier Greenway Extension	Part of 5.2 mile long combination greenbelt, non-motorized transportation and outdoor recreation facility spanning the city of Whittier and connecting it to surrounding community parks, bicycling paths and leisure facilities	Project is completed and final billing has been submitted. Staff with work with the city to identify funding for further work on this project. City will contract next phase: Construction Drawings.		\$150,000
RMC3249	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems	The Media and Policy Center Foundation's project is a film for PBS on sustainable projects across the United States, RMC funding was for the Los Angeles segment of the film. The proposed project will produce a multi-media PBS program on urban forestry and sustainable communities within the RMC Territory.	Project is complete and was closed October 2004. Copies of the video footage are on file at the RMC. The first two segments will be airing on PBS on May 18 & May 25th.		\$100,000
RMC3253	Orange County Division, League of Cities	Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities	The Orange County Division, League of Cities project was to outreach to the cities within the RMC territory and gather information on project opportunities in that portion of our region. The Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities project will survey cities about open space, habitat, low impact recreation, watershed improvements and educational uses on a priority basis in the Orange County portion of RMC's territory.	The Grantee has completed its research and outreach into the region and submitted a final report. The report is on file. Final payments have been made, file closed.		\$125,000
RMC3256	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Programs	The Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Program project was a ten session, five week workshop was conducted which involved fifth and sixth graders from Long Beach Unified School District and regional experts. The goal was to create a future model for Long Beach to become a sustainable coastal community based on an exploration of alternative futures.	Project is complete and was closed August 2004. Services provided under the scope of work included watershed education materials for elementary school teachers.		\$12,000
RMC3257	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aquarium of the Pacific Education Center Expansion	This project expanded the footprint of the Long Beach Aquarium to provide greater visual and physical connections to the Pier and to the harbor and port, and to provide greater physical space to expand and enrich the environmental programming. See RMC 3570 for continued project development.	The Watershed Fountain is complete with its Rios de la Vida Mural. The planning for the new classroom with its watershed exhibits is ongoing. See RMC 3570		\$390,000
RMC3266	City of Lynwood	Lynwood Nature Park	The grant paid for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (soils sampling). This was needed in order to complete the transfer of a 4-acre parcel -- at no cost -- from CalTrans to the city for the creation of Lynwood Nature Park. The project was closed in May 2005. The Soils Report is in the RMC 3237 file as it also pertains to the ongoing South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project under that number.	This work is complete, please refer to the Project Description		\$5,000

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RMC3271	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Rio Hondo Watershed Plan	The Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan (RHWMP) provides an organizing framework for community stakeholders working together to develop a healthy watershed within the densely developed urban environment of the San Gabriel Valley. The RHWMP contains an overview of existing conditions within the watershed, discusses how these conditions should shape the selection and design of watershed improvement strategies, and presents recommended projects and other solutions proposed by community stakeholders who developed this watershed plan.	This project is complete and the final plan was accepted by the Regional Board. The final report is available on the RMC website and is used by local participants for watershed planning and projects in the area.		\$37,455
RMC3286	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Azusa Open Space and Access Plan	The Azusa Open Space Access Plan is a project that did two things, allowed the City of Azusa to hire a consultant to work on the creation of an access plan as well as the open space projects that the City is actively pursuing.	The consultant has completed work on the strategic plan for the City of Azusa and its open space. The consultant completed her research tasks with the city. Work is completed, final payment has been made by the state.		\$86,400
RMC3305	City of Signal Hill	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Appraisal)	Appraisal for the North Slope property of Signal Hill. In 2/06 the City Council agreed to pursue acquisition of 11 acres with four acres identified as the initial target of acquisition. Related projects: RMC 3211, Geotechnical studies (complete) & RMC 3306, Acquisition (not yet funded).	Appraisal for the property has been completed. The appraisal determined the highest and best uses based upon the constraints identified in the geotechnical study.		\$20,000
RMC3339	North East Trees	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase I	\$5,000 provides for the preparation of conceptual designs, base plan development, initial meeting with LAUSD, LADPW and SD 1 stakeholders. Preliminary cost estimates.	This project is complete.		\$5,000
RMC3429	City of Duarte	Pacific Communities Project	Acquisition in the City of Duarte of 329 acres of undeveloped hillside property. The City will fund planning and developing the access, and education about their new Hillside Preserve.	Acquisition was complete in December of 2005.	329	\$3,500,000
RMC3559	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Long Canyon, Santa Clara River	A grant for the Long Canyon, Santa Clara River acquisition project to include the following parcels: 3210-005-005,3210-005-011,3210-005-012,3210-005-013,3210-005-014,3210-005-015,3210-005-017,3210-005-018,3210-005-022,3210-005-023,3210-005-024,3210-005-025,3210-006-001,3210-006-004,3210-006-005,3210-006-006,3210-006-007,and 3210-008-022.	MRCA has completed the acquisition of the property and will manage the property for conservation purposes.	32.2	\$100,000
RMC3561	City of Paramount	Ralph C. Dills Project	For environmental services and demolition activities associated with properties acquired for the purpose of expanding Ralph C. Dills Park.	Project is complete. The deliverable for this grant was demolition of structures required to convert this property to park and open space purposes.		\$72,435
RMC3562	Watershed Conservation Authority	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	The project involved making preliminary findings regarding project opportunities and related criteria for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Region	Work has been completed and final work product has been submitted. This document provided the framework for an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the RMC territory.		\$100,000

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RMC3565	Watershed Conservation Authority	Development of Procedures for Project Funding Criteria	RMC grant to WCA to enter into a professional services contract for development of FY 04/05 procedures for project funding criteria. The Dangermond Group was awarded the contract.	This work has been completed and as a result RMC funded more than 30 capital outlay projects.		\$90,000
RMC3214	Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation	Peck Water Conservation Park	Survey the Rio Hondo from Alhambra Wash to Peck Road Water Conservation Park to evaluate potential open space acquisitions, trail access improvements, identify habitat restoration projects, recreation potential, alternative transportation value, and interpretive value. A Master plan will be developed for entranceway improvements, habitat restoration, native garden, irrigation improvements, and other park amenities.	This project intended to survey the Rio Hondo from Alhambra Wash to Peck Road Water Conservation Park, and develop a Master Plan for habitat restoration, a native garden, and irrigation and trail improvements. Grantee presented final recommendations to RMC staff in March, 2005 however due to the personal leave of the EON the final report has not been submitted. RMC Project Manager received the final payment request and closing documents from the grantee, but is waiting on the preparation of a Master Plan package and implementable projects from Amigos de los Rios.		\$25,000

DATE: June 19, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9A: Consideration of resolution supporting the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC approve the attached resolution supporting the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006.

BACKGROUND: Funding for RMCs' capital outlay program to date has been from state bond funds. In 2002 the voters approved both Propositions 40 and 50 from which the RMC was allocated \$40,000,000 and \$20,000,000 respectively. Less than 1% of the total funds from these measures remain in those accounts for future RMC projects. There are at least \$300-\$400 million in unfunded projects on our workprogram. It is also important to note that while robust, our workprogram has not been updated in two years. Therefore, in order to maintain the momentum which has been developed with our constituent groups it is critical that capital outlay funding continue to be available in future years.

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 includes specific provisions for RMC funding as noted below:

Chapter 5. Protection of Rivers, Lakes and Streams

75050. The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule: ...

(g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600)

Chapter 7. Protection of Beaches, Bays and Coastal Waters

75060. The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:

(d) The sum of forty five million dollars (\$45,000,000) for the protection of the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds shall be available as follows:

(1) To the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000).....\$20,000,000.

(2) To the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for the protection of the Ballona Creek/Baldwin Hills watershed....\$10,000,000.

(3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....\$15,000,000.

75072.7. For purposes of Section 75060(d), "Santa Monica Bay and watershed" includes the coastal and bay watersheds in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties from Calleguas Creek **southward to the San Gabriel River.**

In total this measure allocates \$51 million to the RMC for projects consistent with our statute. There are several other potential programs which could be of benefit to RMC projects such as the \$1 billion Integrated Regional Water Management Program and \$200 million for environmental education facilities. The full text of the measure, a fact sheet, title & summary and funding summary are attached for your information.



Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006

Initiative Text

Section. 1: Division 43 is added to the Public Resources Code to read:

Division 43. THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006

Chapter 1. General Provisions

75001. This Division shall be known and may be cited as the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

75002. The people of California find and declare that protecting the state's drinking water and water resources is vital to the public health, the state's economy, and the environment.

75002.5. The people of California further find and declare that the state's waters are vulnerable to contamination by dangerous bacteria, polluted runoff, toxic chemicals, damage from catastrophic floods and the demands of a growing population. Therefore, actions must be taken to ensure safe drinking water and a reliable supply of water for farms, cities and businesses, as well as to protect California's rivers, lakes, streams, beaches, bays and coastal waters, for this and future generations.

75003. The people of California further find and declare that it is necessary and in the public interest to do all of the following:

- (a) Ensure that safe drinking water is available to all Californians by:
 - (1) Providing for emergency assistance to communities with contaminated sources of drinking water.
 - (2) Assisting small communities in making the improvements needed in their water systems to clean up and protect their drinking water from contamination.
 - (3) Providing grants and loans for safe drinking water and water pollution prevention projects.
 - (4) Protecting the water quality of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a key source of drinking water for 23 million Californians.
 - (5) Assisting each region of the state in improving local water supply reliability and water quality.
 - (6) Resolving water-related conflicts, improving local and regional water self-sufficiency and reducing reliance on imported water.
- (b) Protect the public from catastrophic floods by identifying and mapping the areas most at risk, inspecting and repairing levees and flood control facilities, and reducing the long-term costs of flood management, reducing future flood risk and maximizing public benefits by planning, designing and implementing multi-objective flood corridor projects.
- (c) Protect the rivers, lakes and streams of the state from pollution, loss of water quality, and destruction of fish and wildlife habitat.
- (d) Protect the beaches, bays and coastal waters of the state for future generations.

(e) Revitalizing our communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks and urban greening.

75003.5. The people of California further find and declare that the growth in population of the state and the impacts of climate change pose significant challenges. These challenges must be addressed through careful planning and through improvements in land use and water management that both reduce contributions to global warming and improve the adaptability of our water and flood control systems. Improvements include better integration of water supply, water quality, flood control and ecosystem protection, as well greater water use efficiency and conservation to reduce energy consumption.

75004. It is the intent of the people that investment of public funds pursuant to this division should result in public benefits.

75005. As used in this division, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Acquisition" means the acquisition of a fee interest or any other interest in real property including easements, leases and development rights.

(b) "Board" means the Wildlife Conservation Board.

(c) "California Water Plan" means the California Water Plan Update Bulletin 160-05 and subsequent revisions and amendments.

(d) "Delta" means the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta.

(e) "Department" means the Department of Water Resources.

(f) "Development" includes, but is not limited to the physical improvement of real property including the construction of facilities or structures.

(g) "Disadvantaged community" means a community with a median household income less than 80% of the statewide average. "Severely disadvantaged community" means a community with a median household income less than 60% of the statewide average.

(h) "Fund" means the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006.

(i) "Interpretation" includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that educates and communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources and that may utilize the expertise of a naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation.

(j) "Local conservation corps" means a program operated by a public agency or nonprofit organization that meets the requirements of Section 14406.

(k) "Nonprofit organization" means any nonprofit corporation qualified to do business in California, and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(l) "Preservation" means rehabilitation, stabilization, restoration, development, and reconstruction, or any combination of those activities.

(m) "Protection" means those actions necessary to prevent harm or damage to persons, property or natural resources or those actions necessary to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources and includes acquisition, development, restoration, preservation and interpretation.

(n) "Restoration" means the improvement of physical structures or facilities and, in the case of natural systems and landscape features includes, but is not limited to, projects for the control of erosion, the control and elimination of exotic species, prescribed burning, fuel hazard reduction, fencing out threats to existing or restored natural resources, road elimination, and other plant and wildlife habitat improvement to increase the natural system value of the property. Restoration projects shall include the planning, monitoring and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of the project objectives.

(o) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Resources Agency.

(p) "State Board" means the State Water Resources Control Board.

75009. The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division shall be deposited in the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, which is hereby created. Except as specifically provided in this division the money shall be

available for appropriation by the Legislature, in the manner and for the purposes set forth in this division in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) The sum of one billion five hundred twenty five million dollars (\$1,525,000,000) for safe drinking water, water quality and other water projects in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2.
- (b) The sum of eight hundred million dollars (\$800,000,000) for flood control projects in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.
- (c) The sum of sixty five million dollars (\$65,000,000) for statewide water management in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4.
- (d) The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) for the protection of rivers, lakes and streams in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5.
- (e) The sum of four hundred fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000) for forest and wildlife conservation in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6.
- (f) The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) for the protection of beaches, bays, and coastal waters and watersheds in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7.
- (g) The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for state parks and nature education facilities in accordance with Chapter 8.
- (h) The sum of five hundred eighty million dollars (\$580,000,000) for sustainable communities and climate change reduction projects in accordance with Chapter 9.

Chapter 2. Safe Drinking Water and Water Quality Projects

75020. This chapter is intended to provide the funds necessary to address the most critical water needs of the state including the provision of safe drinking water to all Californians, the protection of water quality and the environment, and the improvement of water supply reliability.

75021. (a) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Health Services for grants and direct expenditures to fund emergency and urgent actions to ensure that safe drinking water supplies are available to all Californians. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Providing alternate water supplies including bottled water where necessary to protect public health.
- (2) Improvements in existing water systems necessary to prevent contamination or provide other sources of safe drinking water including replacement wells.
- (3) Establishing connections to an adjacent water system.
- (4) Design, purchase, installation and initial operation costs for water treatment equipment and systems.
- (b) Grants and expenditures shall not exceed \$250,000 per project.
- (c) Direct expenditures for the purposes of this section shall be exempt from contracting and procurement requirements to the extent necessary to take immediate action to protect public health and safety.

75022. The sum of one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Health Services for grants for small community drinking water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards. Priority shall be given to projects that address chemical and nitrate contaminants, other health hazards and by whether the community is disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged. Special consideration shall be given to small communities with limited financial resources. Eligible recipients include public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies that serve disadvantaged communities. The Department of Health Services may make grants for the purpose of financing feasibility studies and to meet the eligibility requirements for a construction grant. Construction grants shall be limited to \$5,000,000 per project and not more than twenty five percent of a grant may be awarded in advance of actual expenditures. The Department of Health Services may expend up to \$5,000,000 of the funds allocated in this section for technical assistance to eligible communities.

75023. For the purpose of providing the state share needed to leverage federal funds to assist

communities in providing safe drinking water, the sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for deposit into the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (Section 116760.30 of the Health and Safety Code).

75024. For the purpose of providing the state share needed to leverage federal funds to assist communities in making those infrastructure investments necessary to prevent pollution of drinking water sources, the sum of eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) shall be available for deposit into the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (Section 13477 of the Water Code).

75025. The sum of sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Health Services for the purpose of loans and grants for projects to prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water. The Department of Health Services shall require repayment for costs that are subsequently recovered from parties responsible for the contamination. The Legislature may enact legislation necessary to implement this section.

75026. (a) The sum of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be available to the department for grants for projects that assist local public agencies to meet the long term water needs of the state including the delivery of safe drinking water and the protection of water quality and the environment. Eligible projects must implement integrated regional water management plans that meet the requirements of this section. Integrated regional water management plans shall identify and address the major water related objectives and conflicts within the region, consider all of the resource management strategies identified in the California Water Plan, and use an integrated, multi-benefit approach to project selection and design. Plans shall include performance measures and monitoring to document progress toward meeting plan objectives. Projects that may be funded pursuant to this section must be consistent with an adopted integrated regional water management plan or its functional equivalent as defined in the department's Integrated Regional Water Management Guidelines, must provide multiple benefits, and must include one or more of the following project elements:

- (1) Water supply reliability, water conservation and water use efficiency.
- (2) Storm water capture, storage, clean-up, treatment, and management.
- (3) Removal of invasive non-native species, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands.
- (4) Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring.
- (5) Groundwater recharge and management projects.
- (6) Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment technologies and conveyance of reclaimed water for distribution to users.
- (7) Water banking, exchange, reclamation and improvement of water quality.
- (8) Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood management programs.
- (9) Watershed protection and management.
- (10) Drinking water treatment and distribution.
- (11) Ecosystem and fisheries restoration and protection.

(b) The Department of Water Resources shall give preference to proposals that satisfy the following criteria:

- (1) Proposals that effectively integrate water management programs and projects within a hydrologic region identified in the California Water Plan; the Regional Water Quality Control Board region or subdivision or other region or sub-region specifically identified by the department.
- (2) Proposals that effectively integrate water management with land use planning.
- (3) Proposals that effectively resolve significant water-related conflicts within or between regions.
- (4) Proposals that contribute to the attainment of one or more of the objectives of the CALFED Bay Delta Program.
- (5) Proposals that address statewide priorities.
- (6) Proposals that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities within the region.

(c) Not more than 5% of the funds provided by this section may be used for grants or direct expenditures for the development, updating or improvement of integrated regional water management plans.

(d) The department shall coordinate the provisions of this section with the program provided in Chapter 8 of Division 26.5 of the Water Code and may implement this section using existing Integrated Regional Water Management Guidelines.

75027. (a) The funding provided in Section 75026 shall be allocated to each hydrologic region as identified in the California Water Plan and listed below. For the South Coast Region, the department shall establish three sub-regions that reflect the San Diego county watersheds, the Santa Ana River watershed, and the Los Angeles--Ventura County watersheds respectively, and allocate funds to those sub-regions. The North and South Lahontan regions shall be treated as one region for the purpose of allocating funds, but the department may require separate regional plans. Funds provided in Section 75026 shall be allocated according to the following schedule:

- (1) North Coast \$37,000,000
- (2) San Francisco Bay \$138,000,000
- (3) Central Coast \$52,000,000
- (4) Los Angeles sub-region \$215,000,000
- (5) Santa Ana sub-region \$114,000,000
- (6) San Diego sub-region \$91,000,000
- (7) Sacramento River \$73,000,000
- (8) San Joaquin River \$57,000,000
- (9) Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake) \$60,000,000
- (10) North/South Lahontan \$27,000,000
- (11) Colorado River Basin \$36,000,000
- (12) Inter-regional/Unallocated \$100,000,000

(b) The interregional and unallocated funds provided in subdivision (a) may be expended directly or granted by the department to address multi-regional needs or issues of statewide significance.

75028. (a) The department shall allocate grants on a competitive basis within each identified hydrologic region or sub-region pursuant to Section 75027. The department may establish standards and procedures for the development and approval of local project selection processes within hydrologic regions and sub-regions identified in Section 75027. The department shall defer to approved local project selection, and review projects only for consistency with the purposes of Section 75026.

(b) If a hydrologic region or sub-region identified in Section 75027 does not have any adopted plan that meets the requirements of Section 75026 at the time of the department's grant selection process, the funds allocated to that hydrologic region or sub-region shall not be reallocated to another region but will remain unallocated until such time as an adopted plan from the hydrologic region or sub-region is submitted to the department.

75029. The sum of one hundred thirty million dollars (\$130,000,000) shall be available to the department for grants to implement Delta water quality improvement projects that protect drinking water supplies. The department shall require a cost share from local agencies. Eligible projects are:

(a) Projects that reduce or eliminate discharges of salt, dissolved organic carbon, pesticides, pathogens and other pollutants to the San Joaquin River. Not less than forty million (\$40,000,000) shall be available to implement projects to reduce or eliminate discharges of subsurface agricultural drain water from the west side of the San Joaquin Valley for the purpose of improving water quality in the San Joaquin River and the Delta.

(b) Projects that reduce or eliminate discharges of bromide, dissolved organic carbon, salt, pesticides and pathogens from discharges to the Sacramento River.

(c) Projects at Franks Tract and other locations in the Delta that will reduce salinity or other pollutants at agricultural and drinking water intakes.

(d) Projects identified in the June 2005 Delta Region Drinking Water Quality Management Plan, with a priority for design and construction of the relocation of drinking water intake facilities for in-delta water users.

75029.5. The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available to the state board for

grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations for projects that reduce the discharge of pollutants from agricultural operations into surface waters of the state.

Chapter 3. Flood Control

75030. This chapter is intended to provide the funding needed to address short term flood control needs such as levee inspection and evaluation, floodplain mapping and improving the effectiveness of emergency response, and providing funding for critical immediate flood control needs throughout the state. It is also intended to provide a framework to support long term strategies that will require the establishment of more effective levee maintenance programs, better floodplain management and more balanced allocation of liability and responsibility between the federal, state and local governments.

75031. The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available to the department for the purposes of floodplain mapping, assisting local land-use planning, and to avoid or reduce future flood risks and damages. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Mapping floodplains.
- (b) Mapping rural areas with potential for urbanization.
- (c) Mapping and identification of flood risk in high density urban areas.
- (d) Mapping flood hazard areas.
- (e) Updating outdated floodplain maps.
- (f) Mapping of riverine floodplains, alluvial fans, and coastal flood hazard areas.
- (g) Collecting topographic and hydrographic survey data.

75032. The sum of two hundred seventy five million dollars (\$275,000,000) shall be available to the department for the following flood control projects:

- (a) The inspection and evaluation of the integrity and capability of existing flood control project facilities and the development of an economically viable flood control rehabilitation plan.
- (b) Improvement, construction, modification, and relocation of flood control levees, weirs, or bypasses including repair of critical bank and levee erosion.
- (c) Projects to improve the department's emergency response capability.
- (d) Environmental mitigation and infrastructure relocation costs related to projects under this section.
- (e) To the extent feasible, the department shall implement a multi-objective management approach for floodplains that would include, but not be limited to, increased flood protection, ecosystem restoration, and farmland protection.

75032.4. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the funds allocated in Sections 75031 and 75032 are continuously appropriated to the department for the purposes of those sections.

75032.5 The sum of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available to the department for Flood Protection Corridor projects that are consistent with Water Code Section 79037.

75033. The sum of two hundred seventy five million dollars (\$275,000,000) shall be available to the department for flood control projects in the Delta designed to increase the department's ability to respond to levee breaches and to reduce the potential for levee failures. The funds provided by this section shall be available for the following purposes:

- (a) Projects to improve emergency response preparedness.
- (b) Local assistance under the delta levee maintenance subventions program under Part 9 (commencing with Section 12980) of Division 6 of the Water Code.
- (c) Special flood protection projects under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 12310) of Part 4.8 of Division 6 of the Water Code, including projects for the acquisition, preservation, protection and restoration of Delta lands for the purpose of flood control and to meet multiple objectives such as drinking water quality ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability.
- (d) All projects shall be subject to the provisions of Water Code Section 79050.

75034. The sum of one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) shall be available to the department for the purposes of funding the state's share of the nonfederal costs of flood control and flood prevention projects for which assurances required by the federal government have been provided by a local agency and which have been authorized under the State Water Resources Law of 1945 (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 12570) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 12639) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code), the Flood Control Law of 1946 (Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 12800) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code), and the California Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 12850) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code), including the credits and loans to local agencies pursuant to Sections 12585.3 and 12585.4, subdivision (d) of Section 12585.5, and Sections 12866.3 and 12866.4 of the Water Code, and to implement Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 12840) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code. Projects eligible for funding pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of AB 1147 (Statutes of 2000, Chapter 1071).

Chapter 4. Statewide Water Planning and Design

75041. The sum of sixty five million dollars (\$65,000,000) shall be available to the department for planning and feasibility studies related to the existing and potential future needs for California's water supply, conveyance and flood control systems. The studies shall be designed to promote integrated, multi-benefit approaches that maximize the public benefits of the overall system including protection of the public from floods, water supply reliability, water quality, and fish, wildlife and habitat protection and restoration. Projects to be funded include:

(a) Evaluation of climate change impacts on the state's water supply and flood control systems and the development of system redesign alternatives to improve adaptability and public benefits.

(b) Surface water storage planning and feasibility studies pursuant to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

(c) Modeling and feasibility studies to evaluate the potential for improving flood protection and water supply through coordinating groundwater storage and reservoir operations.

(d) Other planning and feasibility studies necessary to improve the integration of flood control and water supply systems.

Chapter 5. Protection of Rivers, Lakes and Streams

75050. The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Fish and Game, in consultation with the department, for Bay-Delta and coastal fishery restoration projects. Of the funds provided in this section, up to \$20,000,000 shall be available for the development of a natural community conservation plan for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and up to \$45,000,000 shall be available for coastal salmon and steelhead fishery restoration projects that support the development and implementation of species recovery plans and strategies for salmonid species listed as threatened or endangered under state or federal law.

(b) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be available for projects related to the Colorado River in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) Not more than \$36,000,000 shall be available to the department for water conservation projects that implement the Allocation Agreement as defined in the Quantification Settlement Agreement.

(2) Not more than \$7,000,000 shall be available to the Department of Fish and Game for projects to implement the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

(3) \$47,000,000 shall be available for deposit into the Salton Sea Restoration Fund.

(c) The sum of fifty four million dollars (\$54,000,000) shall be available to the department for development, rehabilitation, acquisition, and restoration costs related to providing public access to recreation and fish and wildlife resources in connection with state water project obligations pursuant to Water Code Section 11912.

(d) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available to the secretary for

projects in accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004 Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 5750) of Division 5. Up to \$10,000,000 may be transferred to the Department of Conservation for the Watershed Coordinator Grant Program.

(e) The sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) shall be available to the department for the Urban Streams Restoration Program pursuant to Water Code Section 7048.

(f) The sum of thirty six million dollars (\$36,000,000) shall be available for river parkway projects to the San Joaquin River Conservancy.

(g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).

(2) \$36,000,000 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for implementation of watershed protection activities throughout the watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code.

(h) The sum of thirty six million dollars (\$36,000,000) shall be available for the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy.

(i) The sum of forty five million dollars (\$45,000,000) shall be available for projects to expand and improve the Santa Ana River Parkway. Project funding shall be appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy for projects developed in consultation with local government agencies participating in the development of the Santa Ana River Parkway. Of the amount provided in this paragraph the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be equally divided between projects in Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

(j) The sum of fifty four million dollars (\$54,000,000) shall be available for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

(k) The sum of thirty six million dollars (\$36,000,000) shall be available for the California Tahoe Conservancy.

(l) The sum of forty five million dollars (\$45,000,000) shall be available to the California Conservation Corps for resource conservation and restoration projects and for facilities acquisition, development, restoration, and rehabilitation and for grants and state administrative costs, in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) The sum of twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available for projects to improve public safety and improve and restore watersheds including regional and community fuel load reduction projects on public lands, and stream and river restoration projects. Not less than 50% of these funds shall be in the form of grants to local conservation corps.

(2) The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available for grants to local conservation corps for acquisition and development of facilities to support local conservation corps programs, and for local resource conservation activities.

(m) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) to the state board for matching grants to local public agencies for the reduction and prevention of stormwater contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subdivision.

(n) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available to the secretary for the purpose of implementing a court settlement to restore flows and naturally-reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon to the San Joaquin River between Friant Dam and the Merced River. These funds shall be available for channel and structural improvements, and related research pursuant to the court settlement. The secretary is authorized to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the United States Secretary of the Interior and other parties, as necessary, to implement this provision.

Chapter 6. Forest and Wildlife Conservation

75055. The sum of four hundred fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000) shall be available for the protection and conservation of forests and wildlife habitat according to the following schedule:

(a) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the sum of one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) is continuously appropriated to the board for forest conservation and protection projects. The goal of this grant program is to promote the ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests for all their public benefits through forest conservation, preservation and restoration of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests

and other forest types, including the conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife and plants found on these lands.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the sum of one hundred thirty five million dollars (\$135,000,000) is hereby continuously appropriated to the board for the development, rehabilitation, restoration, acquisition and protection of habitat that accomplishes one or more of the following objectives:

(A) Promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species.

(B) Provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent fragmentation.

(C) Protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems such as old growth redwoods, mixed conifer forests and oak woodlands, riparian and wetland areas, and other significant habitat areas.

(D) Implements the recommendations of California Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy, as submitted October 2005 to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) Funds authorized by this subdivision may be used for direct expenditures or for grants and for related state administrative costs, pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1300) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Oak Woodland Conservation Act, Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 1360) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code, and the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Act, commencing with Section 10330 of Division 10.4. Funds scheduled in this subdivision may be used to prepare management plans for properties acquired by the Wildlife Conservation Board and for the development of scientific data, habitat mapping and other research information necessary to determine the priorities for restoration and acquisition statewide.

(3) Up to twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) may be granted to the University of California for the Natural Reserve System for matching grants for land acquisition and for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources.

(c) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be available to the board for grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans, Chapter 10 (Commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.

(d) The sum of forty five million dollars (\$45,000,000) shall be available for the protection of ranches, farms, and oak woodlands according the following schedule:

(1) Grazing land protection pursuant to the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Act, commencing with Section 10330 of Division 10.4.....\$15,000,000.

(2) Oak Woodland Preservation pursuant to Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 1360) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code....\$15,000,000.

(3) Agricultural land preservation pursuant to the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act of 1995, Article 1 (commencing with Section 10200) of Division 10.2.....\$10,000,000.

(4) To the board for grants to assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection.....\$5,000,000.

Chapter 7. Protection of Beaches, Bays and Coastal Waters.

75060. The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be available to the state board for the purpose of matching grants for protecting beaches and coastal waters from pollution and toxic contamination pursuant to the Clean Beaches Program, Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30915) of Division 20.4. Not less than \$35,000,000 shall be for grants to local public agencies to assist those agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into Areas of Special Biological Significance contained in the California Ocean Plan. Not less than 20% of the funds allocated by this subdivision shall be available to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

(b) The sum of one hundred thirty five million dollars (\$135,000,000) shall be available for the State Coastal Conservancy for expenditure pursuant to Division 21.

(c) The sum of one hundred eight million dollars (\$108,000,000) shall be available for the San

Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of Division 21. Not less than 20% of the funds allocated by this paragraph shall be expended on projects in watersheds draining directly to the Pacific Ocean.

(d) The sum of forty five million dollars (\$45,000,000) for the protection of the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds shall be available as follows:

(1) To the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000).....\$20,000,000.

(2) To the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for the protection of the Ballona Creek/Baldwin Hills watershed....\$10,000,000.

(3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....\$15,000,000.

(e) The sum of forty five million dollars (\$45,000,000) for the protection of Monterey Bay and its watersheds shall be available to the State Coastal Conservancy.

(f) The sum of twenty seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) for the protection of San Diego Bay and adjacent watersheds shall be available to the State Coastal Conservancy.

(g) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be allocated to the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 35650) of Division 26.5) and available for the purposes of projects consistent with Section 35650. Priority projects shall include the development of scientific data needed to adaptively manage the state's marine resources and reserves, including the development of marine habitat maps, the development and implementation of projects to foster sustainable fisheries using loans and grants, and the development and implementation of projects to conserve marine wildlife.

Chapter 8. Parks and Nature Education Facilities

75063. The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available to provide public access to the resources of the State of California, including its rivers, lakes and streams, its beaches, bays and coastal waters, to protect those resources for future generations, and to increase public understanding and knowledge of those resources, in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Parks and Recreation for development, acquisition, interpretation, restoration and rehabilitation of the state park system and its natural, historical, and visitor serving resources. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall include the following goals in setting spending priorities for the funds appropriated pursuant to this section:

(1) The restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of existing state park system lands and facilities.

(2) The expansion of the state park system to reflect the growing population and shifting population centers and needs of the state.

(3) The protection of representative natural resources based on the criteria and priorities identified in Section 75071.

(b) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Parks and Recreation for grants for nature education and research facilities and equipment to non-profit organizations and public institutions, including natural history museums, aquariums, research facilities and botanical gardens. Eligible institutions include those that combine the study of natural science with preservation, demonstration and education programs that serve diverse populations, institutions that provide collections and programs related to the relationship of Native American cultures to the environment, and institutions for marine wildlife conservation research. Grants may be used for buildings, structures and exhibit galleries that present the collections to inspire and educate the public and for marine wildlife conservation research equipment and facilities.

Chapter 9. Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction

75065. The sum of five hundred eighty million dollars (\$580,000,000) shall be available for improving the sustainability and livability of California's communities through investment in natural

resources. The purposes of this chapter include reducing urban communities' contribution to global warming and increasing their adaptability to climate change while improving the quality of life in those communities. Funds shall be available in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be available for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. Priority shall be given to projects that provide multiple benefits, use existing public lands, serve communities with the greatest need, and facilitate joint use of public resources and investments including schools. Implementing legislation shall provide for planning grants for urban greening programs. Not less than \$20,000,000 shall be available for urban forestry projects pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act, Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 4799.06) of Part 2.5 of Division 1.

(b) The sum of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Parks and Recreation for competitive grants for local and regional parks. Funds provided in this subdivision may be allocated to existing programs or pursuant to legislation enacted to implement this subdivision, subject to the following considerations:

(1) Acquisition and development of new parks and expansion of overused parks that provide park and recreational access to underserved communities shall be given preference.

(2) Creation of parks in neighborhoods where none currently exist shall be given preference.

(3) Outreach and technical assistance shall be provided to underserved communities to encourage full participation in the program or programs.

(4) Preference shall be given to applicants that actively involve community based groups in the selection and planning of projects.

(5) Projects will be designed to provide efficient use of water and other natural resources.

(c) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be available for planning grants and planning incentives, including revolving loan programs and other methods to encourage the development of regional and local land use plans that are designed to promote water conservation, reduce automobile use and fuel consumption, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize urban and community centers.

75066. Appropriation of the funds provided in subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 75065 may only be made upon enactment of legislation to implement that subdivision.

Chapter 10. Miscellaneous Provisions

75070. Every proposed activity or project to be financed pursuant to this division shall be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000).

75070.4. Acquisitions of real property pursuant to Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 shall be from willing sellers.

75070.5. Not more than 5% of the funds allocated to any program in this division may be used to pay the costs incurred in the administration of that program.

75071. In evaluating potential projects that include acquisition or restoration for the purpose of natural resource protection, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the board, and the State Coastal Conservancy shall give priority to projects that demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

(a) Landscape/Habitat Linkages: properties that link to, or contribute to linking, existing protected areas with other large blocks of protected habitat. Linkages must serve to connect existing protected areas, facilitate wildlife movement or botanical transfer, and result in sustainable combined acreage.

(b) Watershed Protection: projects that contribute to long-term protection of and improvement to the water and biological quality of the streams, aquifers, and terrestrial resources of priority watersheds of the major biological regions of the state as identified by the Resources Agency.

(c) Properties that support relatively large areas of under-protected major habitat types.

(d) Properties that provide habitat linkages between two or more major biological regions of the state.

(e) Properties for which there is a non-state matching contribution toward the acquisition, restoration, stewardship or management costs. Matching contributions can be either monetary or in the form of services, including volunteer services.

(f) At least fourteen days before approving an acquisition project funded by this division, an agency subject to this section shall submit to the Resources Agency and post on its website an explanation as to whether and how the proposed acquisition meets criteria established in this section.

75071.5. The Department of Parks and Recreation, the board, and the State Coastal Conservancy shall work with the United States Department of Defense to coordinate the development of buffer areas around military facilities that facilitate the continued operation of those facilities and promote the conservation and recreation goals of the state. To the extent consistent with this division, agencies may provide funding to support projects that meet the purposes of this section.

75072. Up to 10 percent of funds allocated for each program funded by this division may be used to finance planning and monitoring necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of the projects authorized under that program. This provision shall not otherwise restrict funds ordinarily used by an agency for "preliminary plans," "working drawings," and "construction" as defined in the Annual Budget Act for a capital outlay project or grant project. Water quality monitoring shall be integrated into the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program administered by the state board.

75072.5 For the purposes of Section 75060(e), "Monterey Bay and its watersheds" shall be considered to be watersheds of those rivers and streams in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties flowing to the Monterey Bay southward to, and including, the Carmel River watershed.

75072.6. For purposes of Section 75060(f), "San Diego Bay and adjacent watersheds" includes the coastal and bay watersheds within San Diego County.

75072.7. For purposes of Section 75060(d), "Santa Monica Bay and watershed" includes the coastal and bay watersheds in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties from Calleguas Creek southward to the San Gabriel River.

75073. Funds scheduled in Chapter 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this division that are not designated for competitive grant programs may also be used for the purposes of reimbursing the General Fund, pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 (Division 28 (commencing with Section 37000)).

75074. In enacting Chapters 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this division it is the intent of the people that when a project or program is funded herein, funds for such program or project may be used to the full extent authorized by the statute governing the program or conservancy receiving such funds.

75075. The body awarding any contract for a public works project financed in any part from funds made available pursuant to this division shall adopt and enforce, or contract with a third party to enforce, a labor compliance program pursuant to subdivision (b) of Labor Code Section 1771.5 for application to that public works project.

75076. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government code does not apply to the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria adopted pursuant to this chapter.

75077. Funds provided pursuant to this chapter, and any appropriation or transfer of those funds, shall not be deemed to be a transfer of funds for the purposes of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 2780) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.

75078. The Secretary shall provide for an independent audit of expenditures pursuant to this division to ensure that all moneys are expended in accordance with the requirements of this division. The secretary shall publish a list of all program and project

expenditures pursuant to this division not less than annually, in written form, and shall post an electronic form of the list on the Resources Agency's Internet Website.

75079. The Secretary shall appoint a citizen advisory committee to review the annual audit and to identify and recommend actions to ensure that the intent and purposes of this division are met by the agencies responsible for implementation of this division.

Chapter 11. Fiscal Provisions

75080. Bonds in the total amount of five billion three hundred and eighty eight million dollars (\$5,388,000,000), not including the amount of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section 75088, or so much thereof as is necessary, may be issued and sold to be used for carrying out the purposes set forth in this division and to be used to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the Government Code. The bond proceeds shall be deposited in the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 created by Section 75009. The bonds shall, when sold, be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due and payable.

75081. The bonds authorized by this division shall be prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State General Obligation Bond Law, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and all provisions of that law shall apply to the bonds and to this division and are hereby incorporated in this division by this reference as though fully set forth in this division.

75082. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of the bonds authorized by this division, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Finance Committee is hereby created. For purposes of this division, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Finance Committee is "the committee" as that term is used by the State General Obligation Bond Law. The committee shall consist of the Controller, the Director of Finance, and the Treasurer, or their designated representatives. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the committee. A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

(b) For purposes of this chapter and the State General Obligation Bond Law, the secretary is designated as "the board."

75083. The committee shall determine whether or not it is necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized pursuant to this division in order to carry out the actions specified in this division and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

75084. There shall be collected annually in the same manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected, in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds maturing each year, and it is the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to do so and perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that additional sum.

75085. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, for purposes of this division, an amount that will equal the total of the following:

(a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division, as the principal and interest become due and payable.

(b) The sum which is necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 75086, appropriated without regard to fiscal years.

75086. For the purposes of carrying out this division, the Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that have been authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this division. Any amounts withdrawn shall be deposited in the fund. Any money made available under this section shall be returned to the General Fund, plus the interest that the amounts would have earned in the Pooled Money Investment Account, from money received from the sale of bonds that would otherwise be deposited in that fund.

75087. All money derived from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold shall be reserved and shall be available for transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest.

75088. Any bonds issued or sold pursuant to this division may be refunded by the issuance of refunding bonds in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Approval by the electors of the state for the issuance of the bonds shall include approval of the issuance of any bonds issued to refund any bonds originally issued or any previously issued refunding bonds.

75090. The people of California hereby find and declare that inasmuch as the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this division are not "proceeds of taxes" as that term is used in Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the disbursement of these proceeds is not subject to the limitation imposed by that article.

SEC. 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

SEC.3. This Act is an exercise of the public power of the People of the State of California for the protection of their health, safety, and welfare and shall be liberally construed to effectuate those purposes.

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Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006

Fact Sheet

California is facing enormous population growth in the coming years, with 25 million new residents expected by 2040. But our investment in infrastructure is not keeping pace with our population growth. Current funding for natural resources and environmental protection programs is critically low. In fact, funding for resources makes up less than 1% of the overall state budget. We must make the investments needed to ensure that all Californians will have access to safe drinking water, better protection from floods and opportunities to enjoy parks, natural landscapes and our rivers, lakes, beaches, bays and coastline.

A broad coalition of interests – water districts, conservation and environmental groups, local government entities, museum and park interests, elected officials, and civic organizations – has been formed to support the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond, a \$5.4 billion statewide bond measure slated for the November 2006 ballot.

Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Water Supply

This measure will provide critically needed funding for programs that will help ensure safe drinking water for all Californians by cleaning up polluted waters and protecting them from further contamination. The measure will dedicate funds to protect the water quality of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta—the source of drinking water for 23 million Californians. In addition, the measure will provide funds to assist each region of California in improving local water supply reliability and local water quality.

Protection of Rivers, Lakes and Streams

The health of California's rivers, lakes and streams is continually threatened by pollution, reduced water quality, and destruction of fish and wildlife habitats. This measure will provide funding to develop river parkways, restore and protect urban streams, and keep contaminated stormwater runoff out of our rivers, lakes and streams.

Protection of Beaches, Bays and Coastal Waters

California's coastline is one of the most beautiful parts of the state, but coastal areas are being harmed by overdevelopment and toxic pollution that flows out of storm drains, resulting in beach closures and public health and safety threats. This measure will fund programs that protect and clean up California's magnificent coastline, and will also fund projects and programs aimed at protecting the San Francisco, Monterey, Santa Monica and San Diego bays and their watersheds. In addition, this measure provides funding for the Ocean Protection Trust Fund, which will support projects that protect California's threatened marine resources.

Flood Control

Over the next 50 years there is a two-in-three chance that an earthquake or a storm will damage California's six thousand miles of vulnerable levees. A disaster of this kind could result in the loss of lives and homes and could leave 23 million Californians without reliable drinking water. This bond measure would strengthen flood protection in order to avoid these kinds of devastating disasters. It will provide for funding the identification and mapping of high-risk flood areas, and the inspection and repair of levees

and flood control facilities. By planning, designing and implementing multi-objective flood corridor projects, this measure will reduce future flood risk and maximize public benefits.

State and Local Parks and Public Access to Natural Resources

All Californians deserve access to our state's natural resources, yet our state and local park systems are currently unable to take on the challenges that arise in a rapidly-growing society. This bond measure will include projects that will expand and restore the state park system to reflect the state's growing population and shifting population centers. This measure will also provide funding for the creation of local and regional parks especially in communities that are park-poor. In addition, it will fund the development of nature education opportunities at institutions including, natural history museums, aquariums, research facilities and botanical gardens.

Wildlife and Forest Conservation

California's wildlife and forests as well as its farms and ranches are under direct threat from the state's rapid population growth. This measure will fund the programs needed to protect California's forests, wildlife as well as preserve working forests, farms and ranches.

Sustainable Communities: Preparing for Population Growth and Climate Change

California's rise in population and the impacts of climate change pose significant challenges. These challenges must be addressed through careful planning and improvements in our land use and water management systems. This bond measure will help California prepare for the challenges that lie ahead while improving the livability of our cities and communities through programs to re-design California's water and flood control systems. The programs included in this measure will support the greening of our cities, schools and neighborhoods, while stimulating investments in water use efficiency and conservation to reduce energy consumption.

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Title and Summary

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**WATER QUALITY, SAFETY AND SUPPLY. FLOOD CONTROL. NATURAL
RESOURCE PROTECTION. PARK IMPROVEMENTS. BONDS.
INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Authorizes \$5,388,000,000 in general obligation bonds, payable from the state's General Fund, to fund projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and conservation efforts. Provides funding for emergency drinking water, and exempts such expenditures from public contract and procurement requirements to ensure immediate action for public safety. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: State cost of about \$10.5 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$5.4 billion) and interest (\$5.1 billion) costs on the bonds. Payments of about \$350 million per year. Reduction in local property tax revenues of several million dollars annually, about one-half of which would be offset by state payments to schools to make up their revenue loss. Unknown costs, potentially tens of millions of dollars per year, to state and local governments to operate or maintain properties or projects acquired or developed with these bond funds. (SA2005RF0131.)

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Funding Categories

This \$5.4 billion initiative, slated for the November 2006 statewide ballot, provides funding for all of the major natural resource protection and water programs at the state level. The total amount of funding for water programs is \$2.714 billion and includes:

\$240 million for Safe Drinking Water

- \$10 million for Emergency Safe Drinking Water Projects
- \$180 million for Small Community Grants
- \$50 million for Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund

\$1.285 billion for Integrated Water Management and Water Quality

- \$80 million for the Clean Water Revolving Fund
- \$1 billion for Integrated Regional Water Management Grants (DWR)
- \$60 million for Groundwater Cleanup Loans and Grants (DHS)
- \$130 million for Delta Water Quality Improvement
- \$15 million for Agricultural Pollution Reduction

\$800 million for Flood Control

- \$30 million for Floodplain Mapping
- \$275 million for Flood Control
- \$275 million for Delta Levees
- \$180 million for Subventions
- \$40 million for Flood Corridors

\$65 million for Statewide Water Planning and Design

- Surface Water Storage Planning and Feasibility (CalFed)
- Evaluation of Climate Change Impacts on Flood and Water Systems
- Flood Protection Improvement
- Other Studies Related to Integration of Flood and Water Systems

\$928 million for Protection of Rivers, Lakes and Streams

- \$90 million for Stormwater Cleanup (TMDLs)
- \$180 million for Environmental Conflicts Related to Water Projects
- \$90 million for Colorado River, QSA and Salton Sea

- \$54 million for Public Access to State Water Projects (State's obligation)
- \$72 million for River Parkways and \$18 million for Urban Streams
- \$72 million for the LA/San Gabriel Rivers
- \$36 million for the San Joaquin River
- \$36 million for Coachella/Desert Area
- \$45 million for the Santa Ana River
- \$90 million for Sierra Nevada Rivers and Lake Tahoe
- \$45 million for Restoration/Conservation projects (California Conservation Corps)
- \$100 million for San Joaquin River Restoration

\$450 million for Wildlife and Forest Conservation

- \$180 million for Forests
- \$135 million for Wildlife
- \$90 million for Natural Community Conservation Plans
- \$45 million for Working Landscapes
 - \$15 million for Grazing Land
 - \$15 million for Oak Woodlands
 - \$10 million for Farmland Conservancy Program
 - \$5 million for Wildlife Stewardship Grants

\$540 million for Beaches, Bays and Coastal Protection

- \$90 million for Clean Beaches (coastal stormwater/TMDLs)
- \$225 million for Bays
 - \$108 million for the San Francisco Bay
 - \$45 million for the Monterey Bay
 - \$45 million for the Santa Monica Bay Watersheds
 - \$27 million for the San Diego Bay
- \$135 million for the State Coastal Conservancy
- \$90 million for the Ocean Protection Trust Fund

\$500 million for Parks and Nature Education Centers

- \$400 million for State Parks
- \$100 million for Nature Education Centers, Museums and Aquariums

\$580 million for Sustainable Communities

- \$90 million for Urban Greening and Joint Use Projects
- \$400 million for Local and Regional Parks
- \$90 million for Planning and Incentives for Resource Conservation

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July 14, 2006- Item 9A

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-27

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) SUPPORTING THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

WHEREAS, the legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the mission of the agency that capital outlay funds be available for project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated July 14, 2006 supporting The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 14, 2006.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9B: Consideration of resolution recommending an amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority procedural and operational policies

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend that the Watershed Conservation Authority adopt the attached amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) procedural and operational policies.

BACKGROUND: April 17, 2003 the RMC recommended that the WCA adopt the attached procedural and operational policies. The WCA has worked very efficiently and effectively since that time in managing several grants and operations of the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties. In a recent review of Proposition 40 and 50 bond funds by the state auditors a recommendation was made to take certain actions which would further specify the “separation of operations” between the RMC and the WCA.

In order to address these issues it is recommended that the changes identified in the attached redline version of the WCA Procedures and Operational Policies be adopted. The changes provide that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the RMC and WCA shall always be separate individuals and that all transactions involving grant funds from the RMC to the WCA shall be approved on the WCA side by the Treasurer or designee of the District.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The fiscal impact of these actions will require that provisions be made in the FY 06/07 budget for reimbursement of this activity on the part of the District. Since it is anticipated that these activities require up to 10 hours of work per month at the rate of up to \$65 hour the total cost should not exceed \$8,000 per fiscal year, well within the \$25,000 contribution amount to the JPA by the RMC as provided in the JPA agreement.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: On April 24, 2003 the RMC adopted Resolution 2003-11 authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District establishing the Watershed Conservation Authority created for the purposes of providing a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation. This action is consistent with the JPA agreement.

THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
PROCEDURAL AND OPERATIONAL POLICIES

1. **DEFINITIONS:** “Authority” shall refer to the Watershed Conservation Authority established by joint powers agreement of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; “Board” shall refer to the Governing Board of the Authority; “Executive Officer” shall refer to the Executive Officer of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy acting pursuant to Section 9.0 of the Joint Powers Agreement; “Treasurer” shall refer to the Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District acting pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Joint Powers Agreement and “Auditor Controller” shall refer to the Auditor Controller of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District acting pursuant to Section 10.4 the Joint Powers Agreement.
2. **ADDRESS AND SERVICE OF PROCESS:** Unless changed by resolution of the Board, the address of the Authority shall be 900 S. Fremont Avenue, Annex Building, Alhambra, CA 91802. The Executive Officer is hereby designated to receive service of process on behalf of the Authority.
3. **BONDS:** Official bonds in the amount required by the Joint Powers Agreement shall be procured by the Executive Officer or her designee for all such members of the Board, Officers, and employees as are required by the terms of the Joint Powers Agreement. The Treasurer shall, upon request of the Executive Officer, approve warrants to be drawn upon the treasury of the Authority for such purpose.
4. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**
 - (a) **CHAIRPERSON:** The Chairperson shall perform such functions as assigned by the Joint Powers Agreement, and shall execute such documents as may be required by these policies or by resolution of the Authority Board. The Chairperson shall not serve simultaneously as the Chair of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
 - (b) **VICE CHAIRPERSON:** The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson upon the inability or unwillingness of the Chairperson to do so. The Vice Chairperson shall not serve simultaneously as the Chair or Vice Chair of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
 - (c) **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** In addition to those duties set forth in the Joint Powers Agreement, the Executive Officer shall execute and authenticate all documents of the Authority, including resolutions, minutes, contracts, and the requests to the Auditor for the issuance of warrants upon the treasury of the Authority except those documents wherein the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy has made a grant or authorized a contract with the Authority. Those documents shall be referred to the Treasurer.
 - (d) **TREASURER:** In addition to those duties set forth in the Joint Powers Agreement, the Treasurer or designee of the District shall execute and authenticate all documents of the Authority, including resolutions, minutes, contracts, and requests to the Auditor for the issuance of warrants upon the treasury of the Authority from funds allocated to the Authority by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

5. BUDGET ADMINISTRATION: Upon adoption of the budget and approval by the Governing Board the Authority as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement, the Executive Officer may authorize the expenditure of funds provided in any item of the budget, and, subject to the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement, may award contracts binding the Authority up to an amount specified in the budget for each item, provided that the budget provides for the performance of such function or service by contract.
6. COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND USE OF PARTICIPATING ENTITIES AND CONSERVANCY RESOURCES: The Authority and the Executive Officer acting on behalf thereof shall use the resources of the participating entities and the Conservancy to the maximum extent permitted by law and the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement. Prior to entering into any contract for services, the Executive Officer shall consult with the participating entities to ensure that the proposed service to be rendered to the Authority is not one that could be performed by the participating entities. Where resources of the Conservancy or the participating entities cannot be used, the Executive Officer shall ensure competitive bidding in the award of all contracts to the extent possible. Any sole source contract not entered into with another public entity shall be specifically approved by the Board prior to execution if the amount exceeds \$5,000. Any sole source contract under the amount shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting.
8. LAND ACQUISITION: Acquisition of land or interest therein may only be made pursuant to the Authority in the adopted and approved budget, and upon resolution adopted by the Board.
9. PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: The Executive Officer may acquire on behalf of the Authority such personal property and equipment as may be authorized in the budget and necessary for the functioning of the Authority. Resources of the participating entities and/or the Conservancy shall be used to the extent possible.
10. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD: The Governing Board of the Authority shall meet at least once each year at a time and place to be determined by the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Officer. Insofar as authorized by law; special or emergency meetings may be held upon call of the Chair or upon request of a majority of the members of the Board addressed to the Executive Officer.
11. GIFTS AND DONATIONS: The Executive Officer may accept, on behalf of the Authority, gifts and donations of real and personal property. Any gift or donation of property, real or personal, in excess of \$10,000 in value shall be confirmed by the Board at its next meeting.
12. FILING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE: The Executive Officer shall cause to be filed with the Secretary of State such notices as may be required by law. The fee for such filing shall be, notwithstanding another provision of these policies, a valid charge against the Authority.

July 14, 2005, Item 9B

RESOLUTION 2006-28

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PROCEDURAL AND
OPERATIONAL POLICIES

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The procedural and operational policies of the Watershed Conservancy Authority are necessary to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated July 14, 2006 and the amended procedural and operational policies of the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 14, 2006.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9C: Consideration of resolution approving a FY 06/07 Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC approve the FY 2006/07 Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget in the amount of \$6,668,354.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement approval of the WCA budget by the RMC is required. The attached budget report includes three expenditure components: General Operational, Capital Outlay and Property Management in the total amount of \$6,668,354.

The General Operational budget in the amount of \$50,000 is shown by line item detail in the attached budget summary. As presented under Item 9B of this agenda the preliminary budget includes a new item for reimbursement of District expenditures for additional services related to the review and approval of RMC grant funded projects. The major expense in this portion of the budget is for a contract with Conservation Strategy Group which is funded by the Flood Control District contribution to the JPA. All general operational expenses are funded by the JPA member contributions.

The capital outlay budget in the amount of \$6,363,354 reflects those grants that are expected to have a carryover balance as of June 30, 2006. Each grant is listed with the unexpended amount as of June 6, 2006. The final budget will include carryover balances as of June 30, 2006. Each of these grants has been previously approved by both the RMC and WCA boards.

Lastly, the Property Management element of the budget in the amount of \$255,000 is consistent with the annualized revenues and expenditures necessary to operate the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties. Each of the budgets had previously been presented to approval consistent with current uses.

FISCAL IMPACTS: The contribution to the WCA from the RMC in the maximum amount of \$25,000 is provided from the agency's support budget. Given the nature of the budgeted expenditures for the WCA the funding source is the Environmental License Plate Fund. By funding this expenditure the RMC will be limited in its ability to fund other discretionary expenses that are not bond fund related. However, these services are so critical to RMC programs that it is recommended that the Board approve this expenditure.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: On April 24, 2003 the RMC adopted Resolution 2003-11 authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District establishing the Watershed Conservation Authority created for the purposes of providing a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply,

groundwater recharge and water conservation. This is action is consistent with the JPA agreement.

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2006/07 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

EXPENSES		
<u>Operations</u>		
Office Supplies & Postage		\$500
Liability Policy		\$4,000
Bond		\$3,000
Conservation Strategy Group*		\$25,000
Fiscal Administration		\$8,000
Miscellaneous		\$9,500
	<u>Operations Sub Total</u>	\$50,000
<u>Grants**</u>		
Green Visions - Habitat and Recreation Plan	RMC 3240	\$284,670
Duck Farm Planning	RMC 3243	\$479,823
River and Tributary Access Improvements	RMC 3248	\$500,000
RMC Workprogram Implementation	RMC 3254	\$3,197,481
Duck Farm Acquisition & Improvements	RMC 3255	\$520,233
Green Visions - Habitat and Recreation Plan	RMC 3568	\$500,000
EI Encanto Relocation & Planning	RMC 3596	\$875,945
Project Funding Criteria & Mapping	RMC 3565	\$5,202
	<u>Grants Sub Total</u>	\$6,363,354
<u>Property Management</u>		
<i>El Encanto</i>		
Liability Insurance		\$15,000
Ranger Services Contract (40 hr/month)		\$45,000
Structure Maintenance		\$14,400
Professional Water Well Service		\$8,000
Trash Service		\$5,000
Utilities (Electrical, propane, payphone)		\$6,000
Property Management Administrative Support		\$5,000
	El Encanto Sub Total	\$98,400
<i>Duck Farm</i>		
Liability Insurance		\$15,000.00
Structure Insurance		\$2,000.00
Security Services		\$60,000.00
Weed abatement and Tree maintenance		\$30,000.00
Structure maintenance		\$12,000.00
Utilities		\$5,000.00
Property Management Administrative Support		\$15,000.00
Contingency		\$17,600.00
	Duck Farm Sub Total	\$156,600.00
	<u>Property Management Sub Total</u>	\$255,000.00

EXPENSE GRAND TOTAL	\$6,668,354
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REVENUE**

Flood Control District	\$25,000
Rivers and Moutains Conservancy	\$25,000
Grants	\$6,363,354
Duck Farm Leases**	\$156,600
El Encanto Leases**	\$98,400

REVENUE GRAND TOTAL	\$6,668,354
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* Conservation Strategy Group - Current contract ends on January 30, 2006; will re-bid as necessary.

** Estimated as of 6/6; 6/30 carryover balance to be reflected in the final budget.

July 14, 2005, Item 9C

RESOLUTION 2006-29

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
APPROVING THE FY 2006/07 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated July 14, 2006 and the FY 2006/07 preliminary budget.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 14, 2006.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9D: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract for Property Management Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

JURISDICTION: Azusa, Los Angeles County Supervisory District #1 & City of Industry

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract for Property Management Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The contract for Property Management Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties will provide for day to day management of the site including response to emergency repair, collection of rents, and routine maintenance.

BACKGROUND: On November 21, 2005 the RMC recommended to that the WCA release a request for proposals (RFP) for property management services for the Duck Farm and the El Encanto properties. The first request brought in no responses and a second request was published utilizing the Property Managers Associations along with Mobile Home Managers Associations. This request resulted in 3 responses and after review and evaluation the staff chose the most professional and comprehensive proposal based on the selection criteria identified in the RFP.

Currently El Encanto has some support from the property manager that has been carried over from the previous owners of El Encanto, Sun West Realty (8% of gross receipts). Staff oversees the paying of the utility bills, Ranger services contract, grounds maintenance, water system management consultant as well as managing the contracts and services ongoing on the property.

The Duck Farm property is overseen by staff based on the FY05/06 budget for property management approved by the WCA. Payment of utility bills is managed based on the billing cycles for the services provided. Security services are provided by Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority while facilities and grounds maintenance is managed by means of individual contracts with qualified contractors.

Combined staff spends on average 10 hours per week on property management services significantly impacting work on other RMC workprogram projects. Therefore, it is recommended that the RMC recommend approval of a property management services contact to address this workload issue.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The contract services fees are based on 5% per month of the gross rents or \$800.00 which ever is greater. Sufficient funds are available from projected income from the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties consistent with the fiscal year 06-07 budget for the WCA. A copy of the proposed contract for these services is attached as Exhibit A and

corresponding scope of work as Exhibit B.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: On April 24, 2003 the RMC adopted Resolution 2003-11 authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District establishing the Watershed Conservation Authority created for the purposes of providing a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation. This is an approved WCA project.

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____th day of June, 2006.

BY AND BETWEEN

Watershed Conservation Authority, a joint power authority between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles Flood Control District (District)

AND

Goza Group Inc., A California Corporation, Jacob Garcia, Owner, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant,"

WCA has determined that it is a matter of public convenience and necessity to engage the specialized services of a Consultant to provide property management services.

Consultant is a recognized professional with extensive experience and training in this specialized field. In rendering these services, Consultant shall, at a minimum, exercise the ordinary care and skill expected of the average practitioner in Consultant's profession acting under similar circumstances. The work will involve the performance of professional, expert, and/or technical services of a temporary or part-time duration; and

The parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. Definition

"WCA" means the joint power authority between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

2. Consultant's Services

The scope of work shall be as outlined in the attached Scope of Work for Property Management Services dated June 22, 2006. No work shall commence on this project until a written Notice to Proceed is issued by WCA.

3. Consideration

In consideration of the performance by Consultant in a manner satisfactory to WCA of the services described in Article 2 above, including receipt and acceptance of such work by the Executive Officer of the Watershed Conservation Authority (hereinafter called Executive Officer), WCA agrees to pay Consultant a fee based on 5% of the receipts collected or \$800.00 per month, whichever is larger. Not to exceed eleven thousand and two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$ 11,285.00).

WCA shall compensate Consultant as follows:

a. Payments for the work accomplished shall be made upon verification and acceptance of such work by the Executive Officer. Invoices shall be accompanied by an analysis of work completed for the invoice period. This analysis shall be prepared in a format satisfactory to Executive Officer.

b. Supplemental Consultant Services may be required at WCA's discretion, upon prior written authorization by Executive Officer, and will be based on Consultant's fee schedule on file with Executive Officer.

c. If Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) are provided in the attachment, WCA shall limit COLAs to the lesser of: 1) the average salary increase or decrease granted to WCA employees or 2) the increase or decrease from the previous fiscal year's U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics' Urban Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange WCA, CA. If the COLA is based on the CPI, the adjustment shall be based on the change in the CPI from time of execution of this contract to the time at which the COLA is to be made. In the event fiscal circumstances ultimately prevent the Board of Supervisors from approving any increase in employee salaries for a fiscal year, Consultant will not receive a COLA for the contract period which coincides with that fiscal year.

d. In the event that budget reductions occur in any fiscal year covered by this Agreement that may cause WCA to consider terminating this Agreement, the parties agree to attempt to renegotiate the terms of this Agreement to reduce the cost thereof in lieu of termination under the termination provisions of the contract.

f. Consultant will not be required to perform services which will exceed the contract amount, scope of work, and contract dates without amendment to this Agreement.

Consultant will not be paid for any expenditure beyond the contract amount stipulated without amendment to this Agreement.

4. Equipment and Supplies

Consultant agrees to furnish all necessary equipment and supplies used in the performance of the aforementioned services.

5. WCA's Responsibility

WCA will make available any items specified in the Request for Proposals.

6. WCA's Representative

Executive Officer, or his authorized representative, shall represent WCA in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Terms and Termination

The terms of this Agreement shall commence on the date stipulated in the Notice to Proceed, and unless otherwise modified, shall terminate on the date that the work is accepted by WCA. WCA may, at its sole option and discretion, cancel or terminate this Agreement, without any liability other than payment for work already performed, up to the date of termination by giving three days written notice of such termination to Consultant.

Consultant shall be paid the reasonable value of the services rendered. In the event of any such termination by WCA, Consultant shall provide to WCA a termination report consisting of all drawings, specifications, reports, and data accumulated to the date of such termination in a form capable of assimilation for use by WCA.

8. Indemnification

For damages, claims, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses arising from Consultant's lawful activities on behalf of WCA under this Agreement, WCA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Consultant against any and all damages, claims, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses for which WCA would be liable if Consultant were an employee.

Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless WCA, RMC, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, their Board of Supervisors, Executive Officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, expense, including reasonable defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage arising from, or connected with, Consultant's negligent, willful, or unlawful actions, operations, or services hereunder including any Workers' Compensation suits, liability, or expense arising from, or connected with, services pursuant to this Agreement.

9. Liability and Insurance

Consultant has selected Indemnification and Insurance Provisions as outlined in Attachment 1 and has indicated its selection by initialing the selected alternative as follows:

Alternative 1 _____ Alternative 2 _____

This Agreement shall be subject to the Indemnification and Insurance Provisions set forth in the alternative identified by Consultant above. Such provision is hereby incorporated into this Article by reference.

10. Anti-Discrimination

The Consultant shall abide by the following provisions found in Section 4.32.010 et seq. of the Los Angeles County Code:

Consultant certifies and agrees that all persons employed by Consultant, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are, and will be, treated equally by Consultant without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex, and in compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination laws. Consultant further certifies and agrees that it will deal with its sub-consultants, bidders, and vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national, origin, or sex. Consultant agrees to allow access

to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the foregoing provisions when so requested by WCA.

Consultant specifically recognizes and agrees that if WCA finds that any of the foregoing provisions have been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which WCA may determine to cancel, terminate, or suspend the contract. While WCA reserves the right to determine individually that the anti-discrimination provision of the contracts have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Consultant has violated state or federal anti-discrimination laws shall constitute a finding by WCA that Consultant has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of the contract.

At its option, and in lieu of canceling, terminating, or suspending the contract, WCA may impose damages for any violation of the anti-discrimination provisions of this paragraph, in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for each violation found and determined. WCA and Consultant specifically agree that the aforesaid amount shall be imposed as liquidated damages, and not as a forfeiture or penalty. It is further specifically agreed that the aforesaid amount is presumed to be the amount of damages sustained by reason of any such violation, because from the circumstances and the nature of the violation, it is impracticable and extremely difficult to fix actual damages.

11. Independent Consultant Status

This Agreement is by and between WCA and Consultant and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between WCA and Consultant.

Consultant understands and agrees that all persons furnishing services to WCA pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, employees solely of Consultant and not of WCA.

Consultant shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any person for injuries arising from, or connected with, services performed on behalf of Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

12. WCA's Quality Assurance Plan

WCA, or its agent, will evaluate Consultant's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Consultants' compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Consultant deficiencies which WCA determines are severe or continuing, and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected, will be reported to the WCA Board. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by WCA and Consultant. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, WCA may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

13. Assignment

This Agreement shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of WCA.

Any attempt to assign without such consent shall be void and confer no rights on any third parties.

14. Forum Selection

Consultant hereby agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California. The exclusive venue of any action brought by Consultant, on Consultant's behalf or on the behalf of any sub-consultant, which arises from this Agreement or is concerning or connected with services performed pursuant to this Agreement, shall be deemed to be in the courts of the State of California located in Los Angeles, California.

15. Conflict of Interest

No WCA employee in a position to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Consultant herein, or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement.

16. Prohibition From Involvement in Bidding Process

Consultant understands and agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries shall be involved in any way in the bidding process on any Request for Proposal developed or prepared by or with the assistance of Consultant's services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, either as a prime Consultant or sub-Consultant, or as a Consultant to any other prime Consultant or sub-Consultant. Any such involvement by Consultant shall result in the rejection by the WCA of the bid by the prime Consultant in question.

17. Gratuities

It is improper for any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from Consultant with the implication, suggestion, or statement that Consultant's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for Consultant in the award of the contract or that Consultants' failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect WCA's consideration of Consultant's submittal. Consultant shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the contract.

Consultant shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made to Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

18. Termination For Improper Consideration

WCA may, by written notice to Consultant, immediately terminate the right of Consultant to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was

offered or given by Consultant, either directly or through an intermediary, to any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to Consultants' performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, WCA shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Consultant as it could pursue in the event of default by Consultant.

Consultant shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to WCA manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to WCA Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

19. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

Consultant shall notify its employees, and shall require each sub-consultant to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirement set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

20. Reduction of Solid Waste

Consistent with the WCA's policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited in landfills, the Consultant agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the project.

21. WCA Rights

The WCA may employ, either during or after performance of this contract, any right of recovery the WCA may have against the Consultant by any means it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, set-off, action at law or in equity, withholding, recoupment, or counterclaim. The rights and remedies of the WCA under this contract are in addition to any right or remedy provided by California law.

22. Fair Labor Standards Act

Consultant shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its agents, Executive Officers and employees from any and all liability including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act for services performed by Consultant's employees for which WCA may be found jointly or solely liable.

23. Prevailing Wage Requirements

Consultant shall comply with all applicable prevailing wage requirements.

24. Employment Eligibility Verification

Consultant warrants that it fully complies with all federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and others, and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements contained in federal statutes and regulations. Consultant shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verifications and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Consultant shall retain such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law. Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its Executive Officers and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Consultant or WCA in connection with any alleged violation of federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

25. Consultant Responsibility and Debarment

a. A responsible Consultant is a Consultant who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the WCA's policy to conduct business only with responsible Consultants.

b. The Consultant is hereby notified that if the WCA acquires information concerning the performance of the Consultant on this or other contracts which indicates that the Consultant is not responsible, the WCA may, in addition to other remedies provided in the contract, debar the Consultant from bidding on WCA contracts for a specified period of time not to exceed three years, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Consultant may have with the WCA.

c. The WCA may debar a Consultant if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Consultant has done any of the following: 1) violated any term of a contract with the WCA; 2) committed any act or omission which negatively reflects on the Consultant's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the WCA or any other public entity, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; 3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the WCA or any other public entity. or 5) failure to disclose any acts or omissions listed above to the WCA.

d. These terms shall also apply to sub-consultants of the WCA Consultant.

26. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration and/or Termination of Agreement

Consultant shall have no claim against WCA for payment for any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Consultant after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should Consultant receive any such payment

it shall immediately notify WCA and shall immediately repay all such funds to WCA. Payment by WCA for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of WCAs' right to recover such payment from CONSULTANT. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

27. Notices

Any notice required or desired to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and addressed as follows:

WCA

Watershed Conservation Authority
900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex, 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 918023
(626) 458-4315

CONSULTANT

Goza Group
Asset Property Management & Consulting
24331 Muirlands Blvd., 4-316
Lake Forest, CA 92630

The address for notice may be changed by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

28. Entire Agreement

This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between WCA and Consultant and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

WCA

Goza Group Inc.

By _____	By _____
Belinda V. Faustinos	Typed Name Authorized Representative
Executive Officer	Title

EXHIBIT B

**SCOPE OF WORK
FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PROPERTIES
THE DUCK FARM & EL ENCANTO**

JULY 14, 2006

1. Income

- 1.1 The contractor shall maintain the highest occupancy rate.
- 1.2 The contractor shall ensure that all revenues are collected.
- 1.3 The contractor shall utilize low cost evictions.
- 1.4 The contractor shall ensure that legal notices are served accurately to ensure swift compliance.

2. Maintenance

- 2.1 The contractor shall report observations and make recommendations to WCA representative by FAX or email on maintenance duties necessary to maintain the property in a clean and safe condition.
- 2.2 The contractor shall oversee ordinary repairs and maintenance.
- 2.3 The contractor shall oversee exceptional, one time &/or emergency maintenance and supervise all work from start to finish.
- 2.4 The contractor shall at least liaison with the Water System Operator and the WCA project manager about work that is required or necessary for the water system at El Encanto.
- 2.5 The contractor shall ensure that proper licensing, insurance and permits prior to any major repairs such as, but not limited to roofing, irrigation, and electrical.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The contractor shall send in a written report on a monthly basis that includes but is not limited to: total revenues, an assessment & analysis of any work that has taken or is taking place on the property, an assessment of the actions needed tending to and the estimate of the expenses for the next quarter.

July 14, 2006 - Item 9D

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-30

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DUCK FARM AND EL ENCANTO PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 14, 2006
4. RECOMMENDS that the Watershed Conservation Authority authorize a contract to the Goza Group, Inc, to be billed based on 5% of gross rents or \$800/month which ever is larger, for Property Management Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON July 14, 2006

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9E: Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract for Relocation Services for the Azusa River Wilderness park project (RMC3596).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

JURISDICTION: City of Azusa

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract with Overland, Pacific and Cutler, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 for Relocation Services for the El Encanto property.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This action will authorize a contract with professional relocation services which will ensure full compliance with Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 24 by experienced professionals. Time under this contract shall be billed on an as needed basis.

BACKGROUND: In February of 2006 the purchase of El Encanto was completed with the recording of the deed in the name of the Watershed Conservation Authority. The tasks that remained were the minor refurbishments of the restaurant building, relocation of the tenants and the planning efforts for the Azusa River Wilderness Park project.

In May of 2006 the RMC approved redirecting the remaining funds in the acquisition grant to a new grant specifically for Planning and Relocation expenses for the Azusa River Wilderness Park (RMC3596). Further, the RMC and WCA approved a Request for Proposals go out for Relocation Services. Only one proposal by Overland, Pacific and Cutler, Inc.. Since the proposal meets all the criteria identified in the RFP it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Overland, Pacific and Cutler, Inc..

FISCAL INFORMATION: The RMC approved the Planning and Implementation Grant for the Azusa River Wilderness Park in May with a budget that includes funds for relocation of tenants (\$650,000) that is supported by the Inventory Report written at the time of the property purchase. The costs for this contract for Relocation Services are \$20,000 and will be paid from the amount available for relocation. A copy of the proposed contract for these services is attached as Exhibit A and corresponding scope of work as Exhibit B.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: On April 24, 2003 the RMC adopted Resolution 2003-11 authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District establishing the Watershed Conservation Authority created for the purposes of providing a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation. This is an approved WCA project.

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BY AND BETWEEN

Watershed Conservation Authority, a joint power authority between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles Flood County Control District (District)

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Executive Officer, or his authorized representative, shall represent WCA in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

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This Agreement is by and between WCA and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between WCA and Contractor.

Contractor understands and agrees that all persons furnishing services to WCA pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, employees solely of Contractor and not of WCA.

Contractor shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any person for injuries arising from, or connected with, services performed on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

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WCA, or its agent, will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractors' compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which WCA determines are severe or continuing, and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected, will be reported to the WCA Board. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by WCA and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, WCA may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

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This Agreement shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of WCA. Any attempt to assign without such consent shall be void and confer no rights on any third parties.

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Contractor hereby agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California. The exclusive venue of any action brought by Contractor, on Contractor's behalf or on the behalf of any subcontractor, which arises from this Agreement or is concerning or connected with services performed pursuant to this Agreement, shall be deemed to be in the courts of the State of California located in Los Angeles, California.

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No WCA employee in a position to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor herein, or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement.

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It is improper for any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from Contractor with the implication, suggestion, or statement that Contractor's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for Contractor in the award of the contract or that Contractors' failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect WCA's consideration of Contractor's submittal. Contractor shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the contract.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made to Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

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WCA may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to Contractors' performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, WCA shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

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Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirement set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

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Consistent with the WCA's policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited in landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the project.

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The WCA may employ, either during or after performance of this contract, any right of recovery the WCA may have against the Contractor by any means it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, set-off, action at law or in equity, withholding, recoupment, or counterclaim. The rights and remedies of the WCA under this contract are in addition to any right or remedy provided by California law.

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Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its agents, Executive Officers and employees from any and all liability including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act for services performed by Contractor's employees for which WCA may be found jointly or solely liable.

24. Prevailing Wage Requirements

Contractor shall comply with all applicable prevailing wage requirements.

24. Employment Eligibility Verification

Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and others, and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements contained in federal statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verifications and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain such documentation for all covered employee`s for the period prescribed by law. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its Executive Officers and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or WCA in connection with any alleged violation of federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

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b. The Contractor is hereby notified that if the WCA acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the WCA may, in addition to other remedies provided in the contract, debar the Contractor from bidding on WCA contracts for a specified period of time not to exceed three years, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the WCA.

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d. These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of the WCA Contractor.

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CONTRACTOR shall have no claim against WCA for payment for any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by CONTRACTOR after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should CONTRACTOR receive any such payment it shall immediately notify WCA and shall immediately repay all such funds to WCA. Payment by WCA for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of WCAs' right to recover such payment from CONTRACTOR. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

27. Notices

Any notice required or desired to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and addressed as follows:

WCA

Watershed Conservation Authority
900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex, 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 918023
(818) 458-4315

CONTRACTOR

Overland Pacific & Cutler
24422 Avenida de la Carlotta Street, Suite 275
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
Michele Folk
(949)951-5263 ext 110

The address for notice may be changed by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

28. Entire Agreement

This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between WCA and Contractor and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

WCA

Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc.

By _____ By _____
Belinda V. Faustinos
Executive Officer

EXHIBIT B**Scope of Work for Relocation Services at El Encanto**

Overland, Pacific & Cutler (OPC) will provide on-call relocation services for the El Encanto property. All work will conform with all federal, state and county laws, regulation and policies and WCA relocation policies. OPC will provide various services related to relocation of tenants from El Encanto Property. As planning efforts get underway it may include the relocation of individual tenants from buildings other than the trailers in the Mobile Home Park and as the planning efforts on the property are completed it may include the Mobile Home Park and the following services:

Relocation Planning

The relocation plan will determine the level of service needed for the later relocation assistance activities. The plan will include personal interviews with all affected occupants and lists of available housing and business locations as well as outline some of the resources available to the displaced party. WCA will seek legal counsel's advice if a closure report is necessary. In the event a closure report is required, OPC will include this report within the Relocation Plan document.

Residential Relocation Assistance Implementation

Upon approval of the Relocation Plan and notice to proceed to carry on displacement activities, OPC will select a comparable replacement dwelling out of at least three that best fit the elements of comparability to the subject or via a rent schedule if project circumstances allow. The Executive Officer and assigned Consultant will review and make the relocation entitlement determinations. Upon approval by WCA, the assigned Consultant will deliver a Notice of Eligibility to the household, explain the Notice, process and begin working with the household to effect a successful relocation. OPC will conduct a DSS inspection of replacement unit and assist the displacee with the preparation and filing of the claims for reimbursement. OPC's relocation agents will participate in the appeals process as necessary.

Fees for Services

The following is OPC's schedule of hourly rates for 2006:

2006 Schedule of Hourly Rates Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc.	
Corporate Officer	\$175 per hour
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Sr. Project Manager	\$120 per hour
Project Manager	\$110 per hour
Senior Acquisition/Relocation Consultant	\$100 per hour
Acquisition/Relocation Consultant/Analyst	\$85 per hour
Real Estate Technician/Escrow Officer/Project Support	\$60 per hour
Secretarial/Clerical	\$40 per hour

The firm considers photocopying, postage, telephone, facsimile and cellular communication charges as a normal part of doing business. These charges are included in the stated hourly rates. Out-of-pocket expenses, including pre-approved travel and lodging, outside exhibit preparation, requested overnight courier charges, and specialty reproduction will be charged at cost plus 10% to cover administration, coordination and handling. Subcontracted services (other than those listed above) will be invoiced at cost plus 10%.

Any consulting services or advice necessary for appeal, or to support litigation, such as depositions, pre-trial research and court testimony, are not part of our normal fees and shall be invoiced at **two times our hourly rates**.



July 14, 2006 - Item 9E

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-31

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR RELOCATION SERVICES FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK PROJECT (RMC3596).

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WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 14, 2006
4. RECOMMENDS that the Watershed Conservation Authority authorize a contract to Overland, Pacific and Cutler, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for relocation services for the Azusa River Wilderness park project (RMC3596).

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON July 14, 2006

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9F: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority authorize a new contract for Ranger Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

JURISDICTION: City of Azusa, Los Angeles County Supervisory District 1 & City of Industry

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$104,354 for Ranger Services for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Ranger services for WCA properties, El Encanto and Duck Farm include the following tasks: patrolling of the properties with Rangers who have the authority to issue citations and make arrests, minor maintenance, liaison with external agencies and community members as well as the WCA and the RMC, oversight of health and safety issues on the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

BACKGROUND: Since the acquisition of the Duck Farm property, ranger services have been provided by Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority. Review of performance of these services has been based upon regular reports submitted to the WCA by MRCA and work to date has been consistent with the scope of work and with the needs of the WCA. The contract with MRCA approved by WCA Board is for a 12 month period terminating on July 1, 2006. With the acquisition of the El Encanto property by WCA and corresponding need for ranger services, the scope of work for ranger services was amended in January, 2006 to include El Encanto. It is recommended that the contract with MRCA be extended for a further year consistent with the attached exhibits. A copy of the proposed contract for these services is attached as Exhibit A and corresponding scope of work as Exhibit B.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Based on the contract for the previous twelve month period and on the expanded scope of work the cost for ranger services will amount to \$ 104,354.00. Sufficient funds are available from projected income from the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties consistent with the fiscal year 06-07 budget for the WCA.

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Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by Contractor, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are, and will be, treated equally by Contractor without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex, and in compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination laws. Contractor further certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, and vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national, origin, or sex. Contractor agrees to allow access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the foregoing provisions when so requested by WCA.

Contractor specifically recognizes and agrees that if WCA finds that any of the foregoing provisions have been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which WCA may determine to cancel, terminate, or suspend the contract. While WCA reserves the right to determine individually that the anti-discrimination provision of the contracts have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor has violated state or federal anti-

discrimination laws shall constitute a finding by WCA that Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of the contract.

At its option, and in lieu of canceling, terminating, or suspending the contract, WCA may impose damages for any violation of the anti-discrimination provisions of this paragraph, in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for each violation found and determined. WCA and Contractor specifically agree that the aforesaid amount shall be imposed as liquidated damages, and not as a forfeiture or penalty. It is further specifically agreed that the aforesaid amount is presumed to be the amount of damages sustained by reason of any such violation, because from the circumstances and the nature of the violation, it is impracticable and extremely difficult to fix actual damages.

11. Independent Contractor Status

This Agreement is by and between WCA and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between WCA and Contractor.

Contractor understands and agrees that all persons furnishing services to WCA pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, employees solely of Contractor and not of WCA.

Contractor shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any person for injuries arising from, or connected with, services performed on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

12. WCA's Quality Assurance Plan

WCA, or its agent, will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractors' compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which WCA determines are severe or continuing, and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected, will be reported to the WCA Board. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by WCA and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, WCA may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

13. Assignment

This Agreement shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of WCA. Any attempt to assign without such consent shall be void and confer no rights on any third parties.

14. Forum Selection

Contractor hereby agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California. The exclusive venue of any action brought by Contractor, on Contractor's behalf or on the behalf of any subcontractor, which arises from this Agreement or is concerning or connected with services performed pursuant to this Agreement, shall be deemed to be in the courts of the State of California located in Los Angeles, California.

15. Conflict of Interest

No WCA employee in a position to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor herein, or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement.

16. Prohibition From Involvement in Bidding Process

Contractor understands and agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries shall be involved in any way in the bidding process on any Request for Proposal developed or prepared by or with the assistance of Contractor's services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, either as a prime Contractor or subcontractor, or as a Contractor to any other prime Contractor or subcontractor. Any such involvement by Contractor shall result in the rejection by the WCA of the bid by the prime Contractor in question.

17. Gratuities

It is improper for any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from Contractor with the implication, suggestion, or statement that Contractor's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for Contractor in the award of the contract or that Contractors' failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect WCA's consideration of Contractor's submittal. Contractor shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the contract.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made to Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

18. Termination For Improper Consideration

WCA may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to

any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to Contractors' performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, WCA shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to WCA manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to WCA Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

19. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirement set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

20. Reduction of Solid Waste

Consistent with the WCA's policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited in landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the project.

21. WCA Rights

The WCA may employ, either during or after performance of this contract, any right of recovery the WCA may have against the Contractor by any means it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, set-off, action at law or in equity, withholding, recoupment, or counterclaim. The rights and remedies of the WCA under this contract are in addition to any right or remedy provided by California law.

22. Fair Labor Standards Act

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its agents, Executive Officers and employees from any and all liability including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor

Standards Act for services performed by Contractor's employees for which WCA may be found jointly or solely liable.

23. Prevailing Wage Requirements

Contractor shall comply with all applicable prevailing wage requirements.

24. Employment Eligibility Verification

Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and others, and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements contained in federal statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verifications and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain such documentation for all covered employee`s for the period prescribed by law. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its Executive Officers and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or WCA in connection with any alleged violation of federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

25. Contractor Responsibility and Debarment

a. A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the WCA's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

b. The Contractor is hereby notified that if the WCA acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the WCA may, in addition to other remedies provided in the contract, debar the Contractor from bidding on WCA contracts for a specified period of time not to exceed three years, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the WCA.

c. The WCA may debar a Contractor if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: 1) violated any term of a contract with the WCA; 2) committed any act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the WCA or any other public entity, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on

same; 3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the WCA or any other public entity.

d. These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of the WCA Contractor.

26. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration and/or Termination of Agreement

CONTRACTOR shall have no claim against WCA for payment for any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by CONTRACTOR after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should CONTRACTOR receive any such payment it shall immediately notify WCA and shall immediately repay all such funds to WCA. Payment by WCA for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of WCAs' right to recover such payment from CONTRACTOR. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

27. Notices

Any notice required or desired to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and addressed as follows:

WCA

Watershed Conservation Authority
900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex, 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 918023
(818) 458-4315

CONTRACTOR

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(323) 221-9944

The address for notice may be changed by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

28. Entire Agreement

This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between WCA and Contractor and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

WCA

Mountains Recreation & Conservation
Authority

By _____

Belinda V. Faustinos
Executive Officer

By _____

Cara McLane
Contracts Officer

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF WORK
FOR RANGER SERVICES
FOR THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PROPERTIES
THE DUCK FARM & EL ENCANTO

JULY 1, 2006

1. Public Safety

- 1.1. The contractor shall provide California Peace Officers or rangers qualified under PC830.31 to patrol the WCA properties, the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties. The contractor's personnel patrolling the property shall have the authority to issue citations and make arrests.
- 1.2. Contractor shall provide patrols of the entire Duck Farm property totaling 20-hours per week according to a schedule to be determined in consultation with the WCA representative for the Duck Farm project. However, at minimum, patrols will be provided at least once a day at random intervals throughout 24 hours over seven day period. Drive time shall be billed at no more than thirty minutes per day.
- 1.3. Contractor shall provide patrols of the El Encanto property totaling 15-hours per week according to a schedule to be determined in consultation with the WCA representative for the Azusa River Wilderness Park, El Encanto project.
- 1.4. In consultation with the WCA representative, the Contractor shall develop a format for a Quarterly Report to record activities on the properties. The Report shall be submitted to the WCA at a schedule to be determined in consultation with the WCA representative. The report shall be used to record Contractor's tasks for this scope of work including but not limited to times and dates of incidents occurring on the property, calls to the Contractor regarding the property, security and safety issues observed by the Contractor, and all other activities associated with this scope of work.
- 1.5. The contractor shall maintain standard incident reports. Contractor shall add the incidents to the quarterly report.
- 1.6. Contractor shall respond in person to calls from the Duck Farm house, El Encanto And the security alarm company within 20 minutes of receiving the incident notification by physically inspecting the scene of the alarm incident and by taking necessary action to secure the property.
- 1.7. The contractor may utilize bicycles and horseback as needed for additional patrol.
- 1.8. The contractor will work closely with all surrounding agencies, routinely and during emergencies.
- 1.9. Contractor will inform WCA assigned representative of unauthorized activities on site by phone within 24-hours of each occurrence. Contractor provide the WCA with a brief incident report within 48-hours of the time the incident was recorded, detailing time of

occurrence and associated Contractor response. Format for the incident report will conform to the standard incident report.

- 1.10. Contractor shall provide the WCA representative for the property a 24-hour round-the-clock phone number where the Contractor's representative may be reached. Contractor shall maintain a posting of the same contact number at a location where it may be accessed by surrounding residents.

2. Interpretation and Event Coordination

- 2.1 By special arrangement with WCA and at a rate to be determined, Contractor shall be available to provide assistance to the WCA for special events, community meetings and outreach opportunities.
- 2.2 Contractor shall record all calls from the surrounding community regarding the property in the Quarterly Report and shall notify the WCA representative within 24 hours of receiving the call. Notification shall indicate the purpose of the call and contact information for the party who made the call.

3. Maintenance

- 3.1 The contractor shall report observations and make recommendations to WCA representative by FAX or email on maintenance duties necessary to maintain the property in a clean and safe condition including but not limited to:
 - Identifying safety hazards, graffiti, vandalism, litter and dumping and damage to fences and gates.
 - Contractor shall notify WCA with-in 24 hours if an incident calls for more than incidental repairs and will include such observations in the quarterly report.
 - Graffiti shall be removed by the contractor immediately unless it requires additional equipment or personnel.
- 3.2 Contractor shall liaison with the Coiner Nursery management and with the management at the equestrian facility to coordinate and maintain protocols for authorized gate access to the Duck Farm property.

Budget Detail

	Hours	Rate	Total
Duck Farm	20/week	54.59	\$ 56,774.00
El Encanto	15/week	54.59	\$ 42,580.00
Maintenance			\$ 5,000.00
Total			\$104,354.00

July 14, 2006 - Item 9F

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-32

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZE A NEW CONTRACT FOR RANGER SERVICES FOR THE DUCK FARM AND EL ENCANTO PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 14, 2006
4. RECOMMENDS that the Watershed Conservation Authority authorize a new contract for Ranger Services to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$104,354.00 for the Duck Farm and El Encanto properties.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON July 14, 2006

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: July 14, 2006

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Item 9G:** Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant amendment for the Gordon Mull Property Acquisition project, City of Glendora (RMC3223).

PROGRAM AREA: Mountains, Hills, and Foothills

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

JURISDICTION: City of Glendora

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a grant amendment for the Gordon Mull Property Acquisition project, City of Glendora in the amount of \$25,000 (RMC3223).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This amendment will provide funds for the acquisition of a water line easement and associated costs necessary to complete this acquisition.

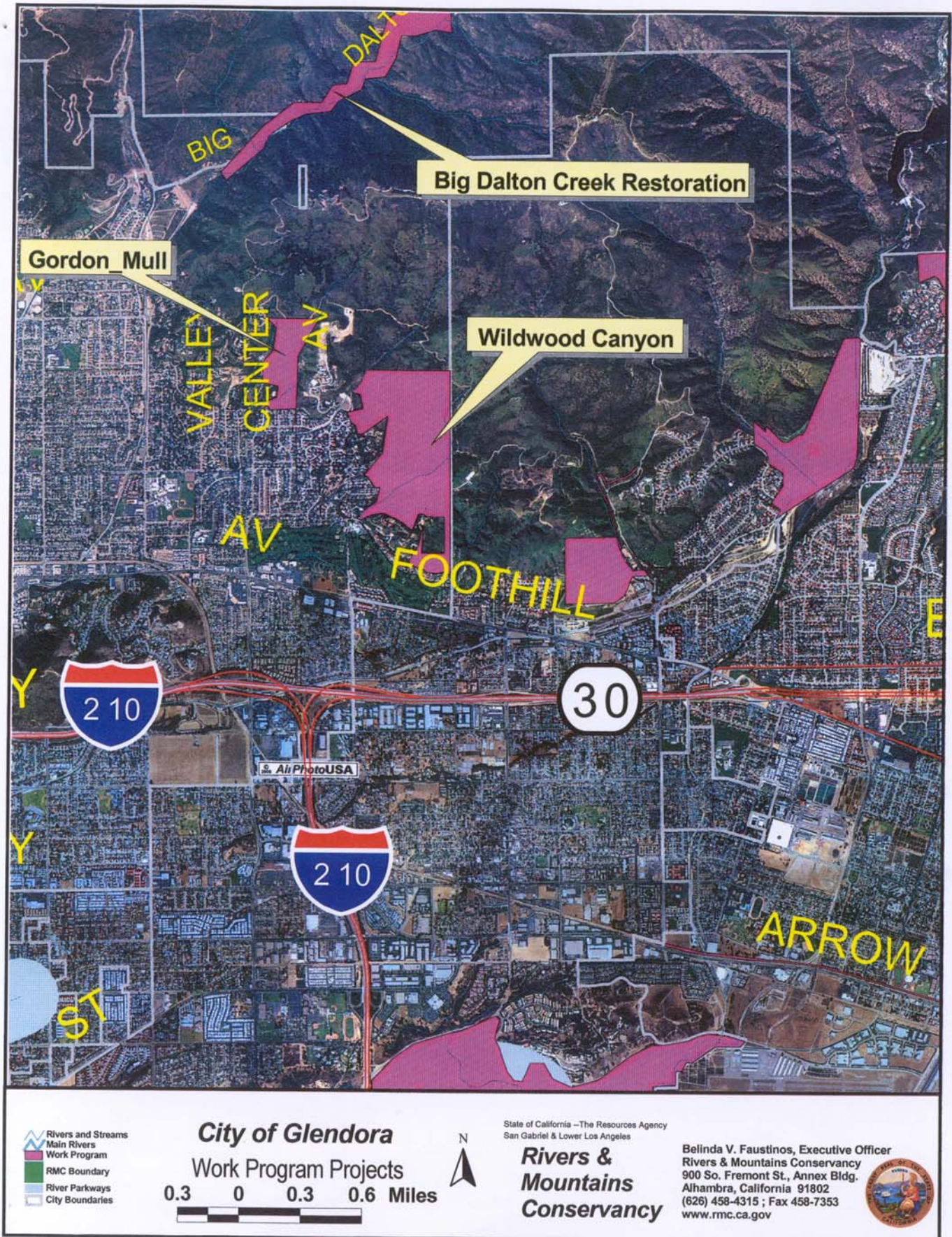
BACKGROUND: On September 15, 2003 the RMC authorized a grant to the City of Glendora for the Gordon Mull Property Acquisition project in the amount of \$2,500,000. The Gordon Mull Property, 29 acres of hillside open space property in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills north of Glendora, contains two blue-line streams and connected wetlands, sensitive plant communities including coastal sage scrub and walnut woodland and 8 identified sensitive plant and animal species.

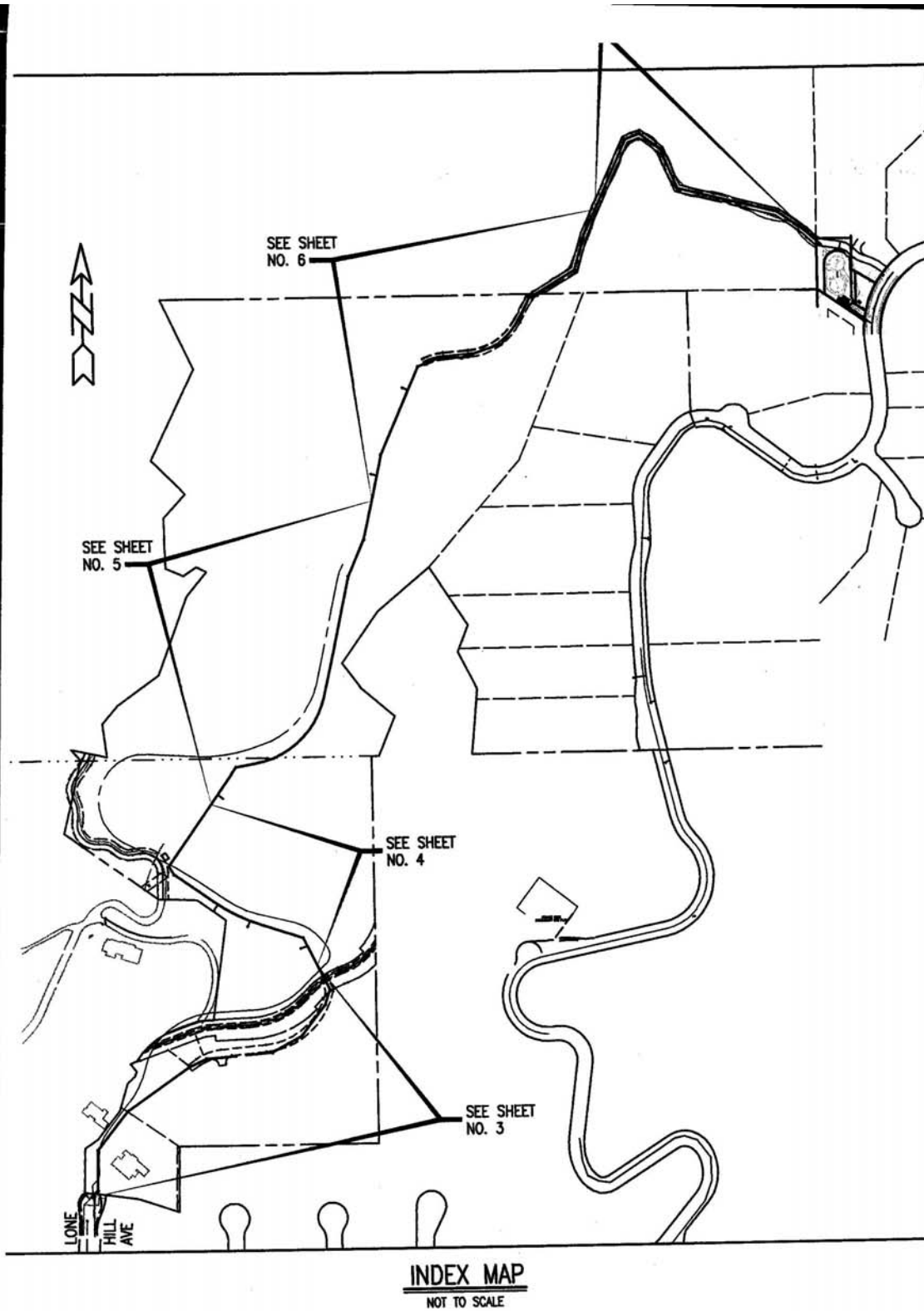
The project will increase the linkage to the Foothills Wildlife Corridor and create interpretive nature trails linked to the existing foothill trail system. The property consists of a north/south trending ridge and slopes to the canyon bottoms of two flanking canyons on the east and west: Mull Canyon and Gordon Canyon. Debris basins have been constructed at the base of the canyons on either side of the property. An existing County Flood Control road provides access to the site. The property is part of an approved subdivision identified as Tract 45858. The eastern half of the tract has been improved with streets, graded pads and improvements while lots in the eastern portion of the tract are currently being developed with larger single family homes.

The City pursued and received additional funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board to fully fund the purchase at the approved appraised value of \$5,000,000. In its review of the project the City of Glendora's Department of Public Works found that there was a requirement of the owner to put in a waterline that creates a loop to protect the overall system integrity for the larger area where there are houses built. The City needs the waterline to be put into place and while the landowner has committed to covering the cost of building the waterline RMC staff was opposed to the least costly alignment of the waterline. That alignment was proposed to run down the steep face of a hill that is covered in undisturbed coastal sage scrub habitat. Several alternatives were researched with the current alternative of placing the waterline in the current fire road on the upper portion of the property and then down a residential driveway to connect to the City's water system as shown in the attached map. This alternative is the most efficient for the owner and the best alternative for maintaining the integrity of the habitat of the property. This alternative requires easements to be purchased for the purposes of the waterline.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The appraisal of the easements is \$22,000, with the cost of the appraisal and the Department of General Services review of the appraisals costing less than \$3,000 for additional funding of \$25,000 to complete the project.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: This grant was initially authorized by the RMC on September 15, 2003 as specified in resolution 2003-73. The same legislative authority applies to this amendment.





WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY ENGINEER
 ANY CHANGES, DESIGN
 "AS-BUILT" REVISIONS TO THIS PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED
 TO THE CITY ENGINEER PRIOR TO ANY MODIFICATIONS OF ORIGINALS

Gordon Mull RMC 3223
 Index Map for Waterline

July 14, 2006 - Item 9 G

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-33

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF
GLENORA FOR THE GORDON MULL ACQUISITION
PROJECT

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Bond Act) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant was awarded a grant for this project on September 15, 2003 and has requested a grant amendment; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that this project is consistent with the purposes of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Bond Act) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and
3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated July 14, 2006 for a grant amendment in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the City of Glendora for Gordon Mull acquisition and associated waterline installation for a total grant amount of \$2,525,000.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 14, 2006.

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General